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**IAPMO, GreenPlumbers USA Collaborate
for Advancement of Training and Certification Programs**

Ontario, Calif. (June 11, 2009) – The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) and GreenPlumbers® USA have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a collaborative arrangement to enhance the technical content of GreenPlumbers' training and accreditation modules by extracting provisions contained within IAPMO's Uniform Codes. IAPMO and GreenPlumbers will also partner to develop additional programs and services that will advance the sustainability goals of both organizations.

Through the collaborative agreement, GreenPlumbers will adapt their training/accreditation modules to follow provisions as outlined by the 2009 editions of IAPMO's Uniform Plumbing Code, Uniform Mechanical Code, Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code, Uniform Solar Energy Code and the 2010 IAPMO Green Plumbing and Mechanical Code Supplement.

IAPMO and GreenPlumbers will also develop a Green Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector Certification Program derived from the Uniform Codes and the GreenPlumbers curriculum, with a target date for delivery in late 2009. GreenPlumbers has provided IAPMO with an exclusive Conservation/Foundation Partnership with regard to GreenPlumbers training and accreditation modules and programs.

Moving forward, the organizations will explore the feasibility of mutually creating an Engineer/Specifier certification module and training program.

"From its inception more than 80 years ago, IAPMO has embraced the conservation movement through its partnerships and provisions within its Uniform Codes," said Russ Chaney, IAPMO executive director. "The development of a Green Plumbing and Mechanical Certification program is an exciting next step in IAPMO's ongoing advancement of a sustainable environment and we are excited to work with GreenPlumbers on this progressive project."

GreenPlumbers® USA is an innovative, national training and accreditation program that assists plumbers in understanding their role in the environment and public health. The organization's goal is to train and deploy a "green army" of thousands of plumbers to promote the benefits of water conservation and the reduction of GHG emissions by changing consumer and plumbing behavior through the use of energy efficiency and water saving technologies. For more information, direct your Web Browser to www.greenplumbersusa.com.

"This industry will be very exciting over the next decade, as our training, codes, installations, products and designs focus on sustainability," said Steve Lehtonen, managing director of GreenPlumbers® USA. "I am thrilled to be working with Russ Chaney and the entire IAPMO organization on this world-changing adventure."

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Sponsor of the Uniform Codes, IAPMO – The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials – works in concert with government and industry for safe, sanitary plumbing and mechanical systems. Learn more about IAPMO at www.iapmo.org.

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