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**IAPMO, ASPE Sign MoU for Training, Certification
of Plumbing Engineers and Designers in 'Green Plumbing Design'**

Ontario, Calif. and Chicago, Ill. (Nov. 3, 2011) — The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) and the American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to train, test, and certify qualified plumbing engineers and designers in the United States to perform green plumbing design work, to design systems that conserve and protect water supplies and reduce energy consumption in the delivery and use of water.

The organizations recognize unique characteristics in each association that make this agreement a viable and worthwhile endeavor. According to the MoU::

- IAPMO will develop a green plumbing design curriculum based in part or whole upon current green plumbing and green plumbing inspector curriculum, with input and possible additional curriculum provided by ASPE.
- The Green Plumbing Design program will be tied to the current ASPE Certified in Plumbing Design (CPD) program by requiring the CPD as one of the eligibility requirements for sitting for the Green Plumbing Design exam.
- IAPMO and ASPE agree to co-promote the Green Plumbing Design program, as well as the Green Plumbing Inspector and Green *Plumbers* Training programs.
- IAPMO and ASPE, through the use of the IAPMOLearn staff and industry subject matter experts, will coordinate the overall course development, hours of instruction, method of delivery, and cost of instruction and assessment of the Green Plumbing Design program.

“ASPE is proud to have IAPMO as one of our key strategic partners, and this new endeavor in the area of green plumbing design training and certification is just one example of how our two organizations can work together to serve the plumbing community,” said Jim Kendzel, MPH, CAE, ASPE executive director/CEO. “The availability of plumbing professionals having validated knowledge in green design based on sound engineering practices will be a major force in advancing green building design concepts in the future.”

“With so many great synergies at play between these two organizations, working together to further the development of increasingly more sustainable plumbing systems through training and certification of the engineers who design them is an ideal collaboration on behalf of our industry,” said GP Russ Chaney, IAPMO CEO. “We look forward to the launch of the Green Plumbing Design program.”

Founded in Los Angeles in 1926, IAPMO has grown to be recognized the world over for its *Uniform Codes*. With offices in 12 U.S. states and 13 countries, IAPMO has assisted with code development in such diverse places as Saudi Arabia, China, India, Jordan, Egypt, Israel, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, Venezuela, Colombia, and the United Arab Emirates. For more information, visit IAPMO.org.

ASPE is the only professional organization devoted to the training and certification of plumbing engineers and designers. ASPE and its 6,200 worldwide members are dedicated to protecting the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the dissemination of technical data and information to expand the base of knowledge among plumbing engineers, designers, contractors, code officials, inspectors, and manufacturers. For more information, visit ASPE.org.