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ARCSA, IAPMO Sign MOU to Enhance Rainwater Harvesting, Plumbing Systems and Equipment

Ontario, Calif. (Sept. 18, 2012) – The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO®) and the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association (ARCSA) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enhance the well-being of people everywhere through the provision of safe, efficient and affordable rainwater harvesting and plumbing systems and equipment.

IAPMO and ARCSA signed the MOU during the ARCSA Annual Conference in Raleigh, N.C.

“Because water is fast becoming a rising urgency in the United States, we welcome the opportunity to partner with IAPMO to raise awareness of this issue and work to introduce rainwater catchment as an alternative water source into the code process,” said outgoing ARCSA President Bob Boulware.

“I am very excited about the MOU between The IAPMO Group and ARCSA,” incoming ARCSA President David Crawford said. “I know that as a team we can have a great impact on making sure we squire our water needs for the future of many generations to come.”

IAPMO Group officials were equally as excited about the partnership.

“We look forward to working with ARCSA to ensure that both organizations’ goals are met and that the public is fully protected as these systems become more prevalent,” IAPMO President Dan Daniels said.

“With the need to conserve water becoming vitally important due to increasing populations and other factors, more and more businesses and residents are turning to conservation methods such as rainwater harvesting,” said IAPMO CEO GP Russ Chaney. “This agreement will ensure that the codes, standards and training and certification services affiliated with rainwater harvesting will be of the highest quality.”

The MOU outlines several areas in which ARCSA and IAPMO will work together, including:

- Assigning technical representatives to support and actively participate in the development of each organization’s respective codes and standards that are of mutual benefit.
- Collaborating and working jointly advocating sound policy on city, state and federal governmental levels for the adoption of code, legislation and regulations benefiting both organizations.
- Exploring opportunities for ARCSA to collaborate with IAPMO in World Plumbing Council projects.

ARCSA, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, was founded in Austin, Texas, in 1994 by Dr. Hari J. Krishna to promote rainwater catchment systems in the United States. ARCSA memberships consist of professionals working in city, state and federal government, academia, manufacturers and suppliers of rainwater harvesting equipment, consultants, and other interested individuals.

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