



Mississippi Headwaters Chapter

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THE MISSISSIPPI HEADWATERS CHAPTER OF THE U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL ANNOUNCES MEMBERSHIP MILESTONE

Minnesota Chapter Surpasses 500 Members

Minneapolis, March 12, 2008 - the Mississippi Headwaters Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council, located in Minnesota, announced today that its membership has surpassed 500 individual members since the Chapter began accepting memberships in June 2005.

Membership includes 226 full members, where the individuals' company is a national USGBC member; 212 associate members, where the individuals' company is not a member of the national organization; and 69 Emerging Green Builders, which includes students and young professionals. In 2007, Chapter membership increased by nearly 350 individuals.

"Our Chapter is privileged to have more than 500 members collaborating for better building practices in Minnesota," said Sheri Brezinka, President of the Mississippi Headwaters Chapter and Marketing Manager for Weis Builders, Inc. "The volume of high caliber members is a testament to the Minnesota building industry's readiness to resolve to more environmentally friendly and sustainable buildings. Our Chapter's exponential growth will enable the organization to offer more programming, such as technical workshops, in our ongoing effort to provide educational and networking opportunities."

On Thursday, April 24 the Chapter is co-sponsoring its next green workshop with *Finance & Commerce* for a Green Design Forum: "Greening Your Building Toward the Bottom Line." The event will be held at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis from 3:30 to 7 p.m. For additional information and registration, visit www.usgbcmn.org.

About the Mississippi Headwaters Chapter

As the built environment fundamentally impacts peoples' lives and our planet's health, the mission of Mississippi Headwaters Chapter is to positively transform the building processes, building industry and communities of the Minnesota region, by drawing upon the experience of

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stakeholders in the built environment. The Mississippi Headwaters Chapter promotes the design, construction and operation of buildings and communities that are healthy places to live and work, environmentally responsible and economically viable on a lifecycle basis. The Chapter serves its members and communities by promoting best practices in design and technology usage, advocating green building policies and facilitating information exchange and education. The chapter encourages the widespread acceptance and use of the LEED® Green Building Rating System™ and other complementary tools and standards. For more information, visit www.chapters.usgbc.org/usgbcmn.

About the U.S. Green Building Council

The U.S. Green Building Council is the nation's leading coalition of corporations, builders, universities, government agencies and nonprofit organizations working together to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings. Since its founding in 1993, the Council has grown to more than 7,500 member companies and organizations, a broad portfolio of LEED products and services, the industry's popular Greenbuild International Conference and Expo, and a network of 75 local chapters, affiliates and organizing groups. For more information, visit www.usgbc.org.

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