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MISSISSIPPI HEADWATERS CHAPTER OF THE U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL TO HOST FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

200+ Minnesota members help celebrate LEED® registered Wilder Center

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 22, 2008 – the **Mississippi Headwaters Chapter** of the U.S. Green Building Council, located in Minnesota, announced it is hosting its fourth annual meeting today, from 3 to 7 p.m., at the Wilder Center in St. Paul, Minn. The 600+ member organization will review highlights from the previous year and identify its strategic goals for the upcoming year.

“Our Chapter’s momentum and impact on Minnesota green building is remarkable,” said Sheri Brezinka, President of the Mississippi Headwaters Chapter and Marketing Manager for Weis Builders, Inc. “In the past year, the Chapter was awarded the 2008 Challenge Grant and an award for Organizational Excellence at the regional level. The Chapter was also selected to host the 2010 Greening the Heartland conference. The conference focuses on innovation and sustainability of buildings and cities and markets these practices in the Heartland region of the United States. We are excited to congregate as a Chapter to lay out our goals for the next year.”

The annual meeting will include tours of the Wilder Center, for which the goal is LEED-NC Gold certification (or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for New Construction). Chapter members will participate in programming covering new construction, and core and shell integrated design; existing building and commercial interior LEED certification steps; greening schools; and LEED for homes and neighborhood developments.

For more information, please visit: www.usgbcmn.org.

The Wilder Center is the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation’s new headquarters and community support facility. The facility is located at University and Lexington Avenues in St. Paul.

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About the Mississippi Headwaters Chapter

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