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ASLA Colorado Joins Perlmutter Press Conference

Landscape Architect Group supports congressional energy and conservation initiative

DENVER, September 18, 2008 – The Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA Colorado) announced today that it had been invited to participate in a press conference to be held by U. S. Rep. Ed Perlmutter (D-Colo) in which he will discuss House bill 6078, "The GREEN Act," proposed legislation to encourage energy efficiency and conservation and development. Perlmutter, the bill's author, is joined in sponsorship of the measure by 21 other representatives, including Colorado congressmen Mark Udall and John Salazar.

The press conference will take place on September 29, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at a Habitat for Humanity house in Aurora. The house was built with energy-efficient products and has solar panels.

"Creating truly sustainable commercial and residential buildings and developments demands as much attention to the exterior environment as to the structures themselves," said Patrick Mundus, ASLA Colorado president. "ASLA Colorado welcomes the opportunity to help maximize sustainable design opportunities like orientation, natural daylight and surrounding landscaping that will make a long-term difference in energy efficiency."

HR 6078, The Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Act (The GREEN Act), will provide incentives for consumers to buy, build or remodel their houses and businesses to improve their energy efficiency and create sustainable communities. The bill requires the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to fund Residential Energy Efficient Block Grants to local communities and states to carry out energy efficiency improvements in new and existing single-family housing units.

The bill also requires the HUD Secretary to consult with the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) about providing green roofs, tree canopy coverage, site planning and green-space techniques to make the housing units more energy efficient. The bill passed the House Committee on Financial Services is expected to come to the House floor this month.

About ASLA Colorado

The Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA Colorado) was founded in 1973 under the direction of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). ASLA Colorado promotes the development, education and awareness of the landscape architecture profession throughout Colorado. ASLA Colorado members are dedicated to inspiring the public through work that enhances natural and built environments. For more information about the organization or to find a landscape architect, call 303.830.6616 or visit www.ccasla.org.

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