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## **Sustainability Experts Share New Twists on Going Green**

*CoreNet Global Summit panels on nanotechnology and the first green REIT*

**ORLANDO and ATLANTA – 13 November 2006** – “Think small,” and “think green,” are the newest twists on the sustainability movement, and underlying themes of presentations on nanotechnology in corporate real estate and the first all-LEED certified real estate portfolio scheduled for the CoreNet Global Summit in Orlando next month.

“The cause of responsible environmental stewardship has transcended from street protest to boardroom initiative. The corporate real estate industry has embraced the movement and sees great opportunity in conservation,” says Dr. Prentice Knight, CEO of CoreNet Global. Dr. Knight added that, “sustainability plays an important role in our Global Summit discussions now, and in the future.”

One tangible outgrowth of sustainability is nanotechnology and as such, the glass and steel tower may never be the same. Remington LLC, a Boston-based private equity firm, presents findings on how nanotechnology may replace ubiquitous construction materials – steel, aluminum and plastic – with light conductive substitutes, such as a thin coat of paint that buffers a building from solar heat. Remington’s presentation, “Nanotech Materials for Truly Sustainable Construction,” will provide examples of buildings that have gone “nano,” and discuss practical applications of new materials.

While nanotechnology changes the face of building design, sustainable practices is impacting the investment side of corporate real estate. Global Summit attendees will also hear from Melaver, Inc., a Savannah, Georgia company, which is fast becoming the first all-green REIT. Melaver’s first LEED project incorporated both historic preservation guidelines and LEED standards, no easy feat. The company has since restored a shopping center to become one of

the first all-LEED (Core & Shell) retail projects in the U.S. featuring the nation's only LEED-certified McDonald's restaurant. Melaver's presentation is called, "Sustainable Development: Building a Green Real Estate Portfolio."

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