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**Green Building Experts to Address Corporate Real Estate Executives on Conversion to Sustainable Portfolios**

*CoreNet Global hosts U.S. Green Building Council presentation on new portfolio program at Denver Global Summit*

**ATLANTA – 3 April 2007** – CoreNet Global announces today that the head of the LEED® program for U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) will instruct attendees of the CoreNet Global Summit in Denver next month on how companies can cost-effectively improve portfolio performance along with environmental and social responsibility.

LEED director Doug Gatlin will speak about USGBC's new LEED-based pilot program on May 1, 2007 at the Denver Convention Center.

"Discussion of USGBC's portfolio program with the leading association of workplace and corporate real estate executives should spark healthy debate at least, and widespread movement towards sustainability, at most," says Dr. Prentice Knight, CEO of CoreNet Global. Dr. Knight added that, "USGBC has designed a program our members should find enlightening as they work sustainable features into new construction as well as existing parts of their portfolios."

The goal of the portfolio program is to facilitate immediate and measurable short-term achievements leading to long-term organizational sustainability. The program focuses on the permanent integration of green building and operational measures into the standard business practices of companies and organizations.

While at the Denver Summit, attendees can choose from among a wide range of educational sessions, ranging from green building sessions to those on cutting edge workplace initiatives.<[http://www2.corenetglobal.org/summits\\_events/denver\\_2007/index.vsp](http://www2.corenetglobal.org/summits_events/denver_2007/index.vsp))members>

For more information on the Denver Global Summit, please visit [www.corenetglobal.org](http://www.corenetglobal.org). Working press members are encouraged to attend and must register in advance by contacting Ryan Mitchell at (410) 821-8220 or at [ryanm@imrecommunications.com](mailto:ryanm@imrecommunications.com).

CoreNet Global members manage US \$1.2 trillion in worldwide corporate assets consisting of owned and leased office, industrial and other space. With 7,000 members representing large corporations around the world, CoreNet Global ([www.corenetglobal.org](http://www.corenetglobal.org)) operates in five global regions: Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America and North America, including Canada.

Since its founding in 1993, USGBC has been focused on fulfilling the building and construction industry's vision for its own transformation to high-performance green building. Today, it includes 8,033 member companies and organizations. In testament to its leadership, in the past five years alone, USGBC's membership has quadrupled and nearly 900 million square feet of building space are involved with the LEED program. The annual U.S. market in green building products and services was over \$7 billion in 2005 and is expected to increase to \$12 billion in 2007.

Industry-led and consensus-driven, the Council is as diverse as the marketplace it serves. Membership includes building owners and end-users, real estate developers, facility managers, architects, designers, engineers, general contractors, subcontractors, product and building system manufacturers, government agencies, and nonprofits. Leaders from within each of these sectors participate in the development of the LEED Rating Systems and the direction of the Council through volunteer service on USGBC's open committees.

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