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The Climate Registry and GHG Management Institute to develop next generation of carbon experts

Leading organizations combine expertise to deliver online training in carbon accounting

(March 16, 2010 – New York and Washington, DC) The Climate Registry, a nonprofit organization that operates the leading voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry in North America, and the Greenhouse Gas Management Institute (GHGMI), a nonprofit organization building a global professional society of GHG experts, announced today that they are partnering to provide online training courses on GHG accounting and verification.

The training courses build on GHGMI's rigorous curriculum and e-learning capabilities and incorporate The Registry's expertise in helping companies measure and report their carbon footprints. Coursework will cover the basics of GHG accounting and reporting to The Registry as well as GHG verification for inventories, ensuring that a new generation of sustainability professionals has the skills necessary to prepare companies for the future. The GHGMI training is a key component of The Registry's future blended learning program, which will combine online courses with in-person training. Utilizing online learning, this coursework provides access to world leading GHG management curriculum and faculty, while simultaneously avoiding the costs and emissions associated with travel.

"We support hundreds of organizations that are voluntarily reporting and reducing their emissions. Accounting for carbon credibly is a "must have" skill set in a carbon constrained world," said Diane Wittenberg, Executive Director for The Registry. "Offering an intensive carbon accounting program through GHGMI will benefit companies, and give necessary information to investors and customers."

Individuals who successfully complete the online and in-person courses will be awarded a certificate of training by The Climate Registry, and can be confident that they have been trained in line with international standards.

"The role of qualified personnel in GHG management cannot be understated. From assuring the accuracy of the data underpinning carbon markets to ensuring an inventory can stand up to scrutiny, skilled experts are fundamental to addressing the challenge of climate change," said David Sigler, Managing Director of GHGMI. "We are excited to partner with The Registry, a program synonymous with high quality and integrity, to develop a class of competent professionals to reinforce rigorous reporting."

Training courses commence on May 1, 2010, and interested parties can register online by going to ghginstitute.org and registering for the Organizational GHG Accounting course. You may also pre-register for the Verification course, which requires successful completion of the Organizational GHG Accounting course.

About The Climate Registry

The Climate Registry is a non-profit organization that operates the only North American voluntary GHG registry. Governed by states, provinces, territories and tribes, The Climate Registry helps hundreds of public and private organizations measure, report and reduce their carbon emissions with integrity.

The Registry is partnered with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to administer the accreditation of Verification Bodies for The Registry's Voluntary Reporting Program. The accreditation process is based on the internationally-recognized ISO 14065 standard. All Verification Bodies seeking to conduct verification activities for The Registry's Voluntary Reporting Program must be accredited by this standard. There are also provisions for accredited Verification Bodies to subcontract work to competent individuals.

For more information, please visit www.theclimateregistry.org.

About the Greenhouse Gas Management Institute

The Greenhouse Gas Management Institute, a registered nonprofit organization, trains, certifies and networks a global community of experts that account, audit and manage GHG emissions based on world-class training and professional standards. The Institute's membership includes individuals and organizations, from beginners to professionals, working on all aspects of climate change. Founded in 2007 through a partnership between ClimateCHECK, the GHG Experts Network and GoVida e-Learning, the Institute works with the World Resources Institute, the World Bank, the United Nations, the Carbon Disclosure Project, Point Carbon, Harvard University Extension School and a globally distinguished faculty on training and professional development programs utilizing innovative Internet tools to ensure that professionals will be available to support future market mechanisms and other policy responses to climate change.

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