ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH NOW AVAILABLE ON SINGLE WEBSITE

CHICAGO, IL – The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) has teamed up with the Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC), the International Facility Management Association (IFMA), and Metropolis magazine to form the Green Design Education Initiative (GDEI). As of November 4, 2002, the committee has launched a website to promote education in green/sustainable design. With over 30,000 members, these prominent US-based international associations and the magazine have pooled their resources to gather, share and disseminate information about green/sustainable design via a single source internet website.

In addition to providing Interior Design and Facility Management professionals with a comprehensive reference website, the initiative is also focused on the college education of its future professionals. The website launch completes the first phase of gathering and developing course material that is to be compiled into a comprehensive Teaching Manual on Sustainable Design by fall of 2003.

Susan Szenasy, Editor in Chief of Metropolis Magazine stated, “The initiative was first conceived by the IIDA College of Fellows. I joined the project immediately when, at their annual meeting, The Fellows spoke of a commitment to make this project a legacy to the design profession”.

The consortium’s website, www.idec.org/greendesign/home.html, has links to several dozen leading reference websites and posts an ongoing Call for Sustainable/Green Design Course Materials. The solicitation to Interior Design and Facility Management educators asks for course materials to be submitted and juried for possible inclusion on the website.

Sponsors of the Green Design Education Initiative include leading green advocates BASF, C&A Floorcoverings, Interface and Knoll. A limited number of additional sponsors will be accepted to fund further course material development.

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