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## **ASLA Conference Attendees to Receive LEED Credential Maintenance Hours** *USGBC Approves GBCI Continuing Education Hours for ASLA Attendees*

Washington, DC – (August 30, 2010) – When the 2010 ASLA (American Society of Landscape Architects) Annual Meeting & Expo comes to Washington, DC September 10 -13, 2010, attendees of the event will have an unprecedented opportunity to earn GBCI Continuing Education (CE) hours for the LEED AP and LEED Green Associate credentials. For the first time ever, conference-goers can gain credits toward their LEED Professional Credential maintenance requirements for 72 educational sessions at ASLA. USGBC members will also be able to register for the 2010 ASLA Annual Meeting & Expo at discount membership rates.

“Continuing education and credential maintenance ensure green building professionals remain at the cutting edge in their knowledge of green building practices and LEED,” said Rebecca Flora, Senior Vice President of Research & Education, USGBC. “By working with ASLA, we are making it easier for green building professionals to pursue the educational opportunities they are looking for.”

ASLA attendees must already be participating in the GBCI Credential Maintenance Program before they take their first educational session at the conference in order to be properly credited. For new credential holders, this means they must already have passed their LEED Green Associate or LEED AP with specialty exam. For LEED APs who passed their exam under a pre-2009 version of LEED, this means they must have enrolled in a specialty at [www.usgbc.org/enroll](http://www.usgbc.org/enroll). Once an attendee has received their certificate from ASLA, they can visit [GBCI.org](http://GBCI.org) to log their CE hours. Because select conference sessions have gone through USGBC’s education review, LEED Professionals may report these credits to GBCI under the unrestricted “professional development” activity type.

To see a listing of the approved sessions and the CE hours associated with each, including which GBCI prescriptive path topic categories it qualifies for, please visit:  
<https://www.usgbc.org/coursecatalog/coursedetail.aspx?ID=90004167>

Depending on their area of specialty, there are a number of LEED Professional Credentials likely to be of interest to architects, including the LEED AP Building Design + Construction (BD+C) credential, for professionals who work primarily on new construction, including schools and other commercial projects; the LEED AP Homes credential, for residentially focused professionals; and the new LEED AP Neighborhood Development (ND), for professionals who work on teams designing and developing green communities.

You can learn about this and other USGBC-developed trainings and publications, and how they support credential preparation and maintenance, at [www.usgbc.org/credentials](http://www.usgbc.org/credentials).

For more information about the educational offerings available at the 2010 ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo please visit: <http://www.asla.org/2010meeting>

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### **U.S. Green Building Council**

The USGBC community is transforming the way we build, design and operate our buildings for healthier places that save precious resources for people to live, work, learn and play in. USGBC is helping create buildings and communities that regenerate and sustain the health and vitality of all life within a generation. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the Council is the driving force of the green building industry, which is projected to contribute \$554 billion to the U.S. gross domestic product by 2013. USGBC leads a diverse constituency of builders and environmentalists, corporations and nonprofit organizations, elected officials, concerned citizens, teachers and students. The USGBC community comprises 80 local chapters, 17,000 member companies and organizations, and more than 140,000 individuals who have earned LEED Professional Credentials. Visit [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org) for more information.