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Eco Edge Collaborating with Department of Labor (DOL) and the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) to Launch National Sustainable Building Advisor Program in Idaho

Boise, ID – (September 14, 2009) – Eco Edge has been awarded \$5,000 in funding from NEEA and has been approved by the Department of Labor as an Eligible Training Provider for Workforce Investment Act funding to offer the National Sustainable Building Advisor Program (NaSBAP).

NaSBAP is celebrating the 10th anniversary of this comprehensive 9-month course in sustainable building and design. A network of students in 20 locations cover topics that include site assessment, regional development and transportation, climate responsive design, indoor environmental quality, green materials, water resources, construction practices, and operations and maintenance. The class format includes lectures, site visits, reading assignments, papers, and a final team project. An experienced Lead Instructor coordinates local Expert Instructors in each topic.

Registered as a Proprietary School with the Idaho State Board of Education, Eco Edge will be offering this course two days per month starting October 23, 2009, through June 12, 2010. The classes will be held at the Integrated Design Lab (IDL) in Boise from 4:00 pm – 9:30 pm on one Friday per month and Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Graduates of the program earn the designation of Certified Sustainable Building Advisor (CSBA). The curriculum is endorsed by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the US Green Building Council as a Master (400 Level) course. Since 1999, over 800 students have graduated from the course.

An info session will be held on Thursday, September 24, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the IDL, 108 N. 6th Street, Boise.

For more information on the course schedule, curriculum, expert instructors, testimonials and registration for this program, visit www.BuildingEcoEdge.com/SBACourse.

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Eco Edge is a sustainability and green building consulting firm that specializes in integrated design, third-party verification, and education. Based in Boise, Idaho, Eco Edge works with a range of clients to develop sustainability strategies to increase energy efficiency, reduce water usage, decrease waste, and improve indoor air quality, and has consulted on over two dozen LEED projects ranging from

neighborhood development to commercial interiors; gut rehab to new; affordable to luxury. Eco Edge is an education provider with the National Sustainable Building Advisor Program, Department of Labor, and the Idaho and Wyoming Real Estate Commissions. In 2008, Eco Edge received a Grow Smart Award for the 'Heights Home' project. www.BuildingEcoEdge.com

The Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) is a private non-profit organization funded by Northwest utilities, the Energy Trust of Oregon and the Bonneville Power Administration. NEEA works in collaboration with its stakeholders and strategic market partners to accelerate the sustained market adoption of energy-efficient products, technologies and practices. NEEA's market transformation efforts address energy efficiency in homes, businesses and industry. www.nwalliance.org

The National Sustainable Building Advisor Program (NaSBAP) is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization incorporated in Washington State. NaSBAP oversees the Sustainable Building Advisor (SBA) course, which is administered through course providers across the US and in Canada. The purpose of this unique and comprehensive sustainable building course is to give practicing professionals the tools they need to make our built environment more sustainable. The curriculum is endorsed by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the US Green Building Council as a Master (400 Level) course. www.NaSBAP.org