



## **Memorandum of Understanding**

### **American Society of Heating Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers and the Green Building Initiative**

WHEREAS, the American Society of Heating Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (**ASHRAE**) is committed to leading the advancement of heating, air conditioning and refrigerating technologies to serve humanity and promote a sustainable world through research, standards writing, publishing and continuing education;

WHEREAS, the Green Building Initiative (**GBI**) is an educational and charitable organization committed to developing and promoting information and tools that accelerate the adoption of green building principles in commercial and residential construction;

WHEREAS, ASHRAE and GBI have in common the development of standards, personnel certification, and education intended to facilitate a more sustainable built environment and are supportive of each others' efforts;

WHEREAS, ASHRAE and GBI also share the goal of carbon neutrality for buildings and recognize each others' efforts in this regard;

WHEREAS, ASHRAE and GBI support the adoption of green building practices among mainstream design and building personnel;

WHEREAS, ASHRAE and GBI are committed to strengthening their working relationship to further the adoption of sustainable building practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, be it resolved that ASHRAE and GBI hereby commit to work together to:

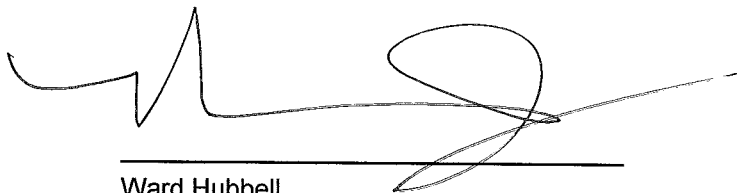
- Promote the design, construction and operation of buildings that are energy-efficient, healthier and environmentally responsible by, among other things, providing education and training;
- Provide access to the Green Globes® tool;
- Promote the link between sustainable design and actual performance outcomes;
- Encourage and/or undertake research that identifies specific economic and environmental benefits of green building practices;
- Support and promote green building standards, certification programs and rating systems.

This MOU reflects a commitment by ASHRAE and GBI to continue and enhance their working relationship and individual efforts toward achievement of the mutual objectives described above. It does not create a binding obligation or agreement between the parties, and neither party has an obligation to negotiate toward or enter into a binding written agreement. In addition, this MOU does not create a partnership, joint venture, fiduciary relationship or similar relationship between ASHRAE and GBI. Either party may terminate this MOU, with or without stated cause, upon providing the other party with thirty (30) days' written notice of intent to terminate.

Executed this fifth day of February, 2009.



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