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Northern Virginia Conference Looks at “The Carbon Trading – Green Building Connection”

Congressmen Jim Moran and Tom Davis will be the lead presenters at the upcoming March 6, 2008 one-day conference on “The Carbon Trading-Green Building Connection.” The congressmen will discuss pending federal legislation on mandatory cap and trade carbon programs. Scheduled to attend are local and regional developers, institutional buildings owners, and local government representatives.

The one-day conference presented by Virginia Sustainable Building Network, in cooperation with Dewberry and the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments, provides an opportunity to hear from national and regional experts on the cutting-edge field of carbon trading. **Dierek Broekoff of World Resources Institute** will provide an overview on the current state of voluntary carbon trading. The value of green building in the carbon marketplace will be presented by **Dr. Chris Pyke, CTG Energetics Inc.**

Jay Fisette, Arlington County Board member, and a leading proponent of Green Building in the Northern Virginia region, will present information on what Washington DC-area local governments are doing about their carbon footprints, and **Chris Gorthy, LEED AP, of DPR Construction Inc.** will provide details about his company’s decision to investigate their carbon emissions. Finally, **Cynthia Cummis of Clear Carbon Consulting**, and **John Morrill, Energy Manager for Arlington County, Virginia** will provide instruction on the tools to determine a company or organization’s carbon impact.

For information on registration and directions to the conference, which will be held at the Dewberry headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia, visit www.vsbn.org or call 703-486-2966.

Virginia Sustainable Building Network, founded in 1995, is a non-profit statewide organization that promotes Green Building and Sustainable Development for Virginia. VSBN’s educational activities include specialized conferences for various building sectors, technical training for building managers and the design and construction communities, and a Green Building product and service directory for the mid-Atlantic region. In 2008 VSBN is also leading the development of the Commonwealth of Virginia Energy and Sustainability (COVES) Conference, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy and other state and private sponsors. Visit the VSBN website for more information: www.vsbn.org.

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The Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (MWCOCG) is the association of 21 jurisdictions working for a better metropolitan region. In December 2007 the COG Board of Directors approved regional “green building” standards for the construction of new government and commercial structures that they hope will be adopted by all local jurisdictions. Although the COG action applies only to most new government buildings, excluding schools, and to new commercial properties, the board expects to eventually adopt green building standards for existing buildings, schools and residential properties. Several local jurisdictions, including Montgomery County, Maryland, Fairfax County and Arlington County, Virginia and the District of Columbia already have adopted green building standards. Find out more at www.mwcog.org.