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The National Graduate School of Quality Management earns the ENERGY STAR® for Superior Energy Efficiency

Falmouth, Mass., December 28, 2009 - The National Graduate School of Quality Management (NGS/U's) headquarters building in Falmouth, Massachusetts has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) prestigious ENERGY STAR, the national symbol for superior energy efficiency and environmental protection. This signifies that the building's energy performance rates in the top 25 percent of facilities nationwide.

Commercial buildings that earn the ENERGY STAR use an average of 35 percent less energy than typical buildings and also release 35 percent less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. NGS/U improved its energy performance by managing energy strategically across the entire organization and by making cost-effective improvements to its building. In addition to high efficiency lighting and Carrier® brand HVAC improvements, water conserving fixtures and directly recyclable carpeting, with low VOC paints were part of the renovation.

"Improving the energy efficiency of our nation's buildings is critical to preserving our environment and our natural resources," said Jean Lupinacci, chief of EPA's ENERGY STAR Commercial and Industrial branch. "From office buildings to hotels, supermarkets to schools, the ENERGY STAR distinguishes those organizations who are taking environmental responsibility into their own hands."

EPA's national energy performance rating system provides a 1-100 scale that helps organizations assess how efficiently their buildings use energy relative to similar buildings nationwide. A building that scores a rating of 75 or higher is eligible for the ENERGY STAR. The National Graduate School building received an energy performance rating score of 97.

ENERGY STAR was introduced by EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. Today, the ENERGY STAR label can be found on more than 60 different kinds of products, new homes, and commercial and industrial buildings. Products and buildings that have earned the ENERGY STAR designation prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the government. Last year alone, Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR, saved about \$19 billion on their energy bills while reducing the greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of 29 million vehicles.

For more information about ENERGY STAR visit www.energystar.gov. *To calculate greenhouse gas emissions, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/calculator.html>

About The National Graduate School

The National Graduate School (NGS/U) is an accredited institution offering a Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate Degrees and Professional Certificates in Quality Systems Management, Lean Six Sigma, Homeland Security & Defense and Environmental Policy & Quality Management. In its second decade, NGS/U has distinguished itself through its applied learning methodology catering to working adults in both the public and private sectors. NGS/U programs are delivered throughout the country in a highly interactive format by faculty practitioners who combine real-world experience with academic excellence. Additionally, NGS/U is committed to stewarding, contributing to, and advancing the body of knowledge in the areas of Quality Systems Management, Six Sigma practices, and Homeland Security through its research, publications, and programs.

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