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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:

GREEN BUILDING COURSE FOR UNEMPLOYED PROFESSIONALS

The Green Register (TGR) is delighted to announce an additional date for its highly acclaimed sustainable building course - available for **FREE** through the University of Westminster's innovative *Build Up* program.

A further 2-day course on the 17th and 18th of June has just been agreed following the success of the first course which ran in January.

Build Up has seen an upsurge of built environment professionals registering for one of 1,500 free places on offer to help develop their careers against the recession.

Now delegates can sign up for training in sustainable building delivered by industry experts TGR. The course will equip delegates with the skills and knowledge they need to meet the growing demand for green building products and services.

Build Up Programme Director, Laura Harding said:

"The Build Up Programme features a range of collaborative projects involving local authorities and not-for-profit organisations that focus on the development of green skills, dealing with low carbon and sustainable community issues. Our association with The Green Register helps strengthen our focus on adapting building practices and individual projects to become more environmentally sustainable."

The 2-day course is based on TGR's Sustainable Building & Services course which is the UK's longest running green building training course. It will provide an ideal, compact opportunity to learn about the essential issues surrounding sustainable building practices and to network with like-minded individuals across a range of disciplines

Lucy Pedler, TGR's Director and Head Trainer, said:

“Sustainable construction is no longer viewed as an ‘alternative’ method of building, and is increasingly being considered a fundamental approach to the way we design and construct our buildings. There is a great deal to learn and with new legislation being introduced at an ever-increasing pace, the challenge is to keep abreast of new developments and remain competitive.”

The course is due to take place this June. Full details to follow at www.build-up.org.uk

Completing this course means that delegates will qualify for Green Register membership.

Benefits of Green Register membership include:

- promotion of your business to a growing market for sustainable building services
- networking and knowledge-sharing with like-minded individuals
- regular training and social events
- bespoke CPD training
- preferential rates, discounts and special offers

Build Up is aimed at **unemployed or under-employed built environment professionals**, the program enables eligible participants such as town planners, architects, surveyors, construction professionals, housing professionals, building engineers and urban designers the opportunity to identify and develop skills in key shortage areas, better preparing them to take advantage of the predicted economic upturn.

Build Up offers a range of courses over **three strands** which concentrate on issues that are sometimes overlooked in traditional educational or professional environments. A key is to promote and develop inter-professional working and new ways of looking at urban issues, with participants being offered courses in networking and career assessment, business skills and community engagement.

The third strand features a range of collaborative projects involving local authorities and not-for-profit organisations that also focus on the development of green skills, dealing with low carbon and sustainable community issues.

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Notes to Editor:

1. For press information please contact **Mel Woodland** on **0117 3773490** or **mel@greenregister.org.uk** or see the website at www.greenregister.org.uk. If you would like to arrange a press pass for any of our events (see the website) please contact me.
2. Build Up is funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England's (HEFCE) Economic Challenge Investment Fund, and has been developed by the university alongside the City of Westminster's Westminster Works program. It is fully supported by industry partners including the Construction Industry Council, RIBA London, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Royal Town Planning Institute.
3. TGR has a core of expert trainers available as spokespeople to provide comment/quotes/technical articles on a wide range of green building issues.
4. The Green Register's Sustainable Building & Services course is the UK's longest running sustainable building training course.
5. The Green Register is an independent, not-for-profit company, launched in October 2000 by architectural practice Archipeleco. The organisation was given start-up funding and support by Southwark Building Control and Sustainable Energy Action.