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**2012 GreenGov Symposium to Take Place in Washington, DC,
September 24-26**

CEQ and Association of Climate Change Officers to Co-Sponsor Conference

WASHINGTON, DC –The White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) announced today that its third annual GreenGov Symposium will be held in Washington, DC on September 24-26, 2012, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. The Symposium will bring together leaders from government, the private sector, non-profits and academia to identify opportunities to create jobs, grow clean energy industries, and curb pollution by incorporating sustainable practices into the Federal Government’s operations. This year’s event will be co-sponsored by CEQ and the Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO).

“With its significant purchasing power and building and fleet inventory, the Federal Government can make a real difference with its own operations to lead in building a strong and sustainable clean energy economy,” said Nancy Sutley, Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality. “The 2012 GreenGov Symposium will harness the innovation and expertise of decision makers both inside and outside of the Federal Government to help agencies deliver on President Obama’s commitment to reduce waste, pollution and costs in Federal operations.”

President Obama signed Executive Order 13514 in October 2009, directing Federal agencies to meet aggressive energy, water, and waste reduction targets, reduce their greenhouse gas pollution, and leverage Federal purchasing power to curb waste, save taxpayer dollars, and support the growth of a 21st century clean energy economy.

At the 2012 GreenGov Symposium, participants will share sustainability challenges and best practices, and discuss cutting-edge approaches to achieving the Federal performance goals set by President Obama. Topics covered will include clean energy, energy and water efficiency, fleet management, getting to zero waste, green buildings, and greening the supply chain. The main conference program will take place on September 24 and 25, and post-conference meetings and workshops will be conducted on September 26.

At the second annual GreenGov Symposium in October 2011, CEQ and ACCO brought together more than 1,200 representatives from across governments, the private sector, and the non-profit community to shape the future of Federal Government sustainability. The program featured approximately 350 sustainability leaders ranging from Cabinet Secretaries to industry leaders speaking across more than 80 program sessions and 9 breakout tracks.

“ACCO is proud to return as co-presenter of the 2012 GreenGov Symposium to collaborate with CEQ and Federal agencies for this program,” said Daniel Kreeger, ACCO’s Executive Director. “Educating and training professionals across sectors on operating sustainably and building resilience in government is critical to further developing best practices and creating partnership opportunities in the field.”

ACCO’s co-sponsorship of the 2012 GreenGov Symposium with CEQ is part of ACCO’s ongoing effort to advance the knowledge and skills of public and private sector leaders dedicated to developing and directing strategies for climate change and sustainability. ACCO is a professional development organization for executives and senior officials across all sectors addressing the economic, operational and environmental implications of climate change and related energy, water, waste, resilience, and national security issues.

More information about the 2012 GreenGov Symposium is available at www.GreenGov2012.org.

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