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**Green Resource Council of the Pacific Northwest (GRC-NW) Hosts  
Second Environmental Workshop**

**Seattle, WA, November 7, 2007** – The Green Resource Council of the Northwest (GRC-NW) is hosting its second of a series of environmental training workshops on **November 15, 2007** at the **University of Washington’s Center for Urban Horticulture, Northwest Horticultural Society (NHS) Hall**. Coordinated and sponsored by Apex Facility Resources, Inc., the half-day workshop is tailored specifically for professionals in the commercial interiors industry. It will include a morning training workshop – *Specifying Green: Pulling It All Together and First, Second, Third Party Certification System* – and an afternoon Green Roundtable addressing the top concerns and sustainability issues when specifying green on commercial interiors projects.

GRC-NW is a newly-formed collaborative partnership of manufacturer's representatives and design professionals working to promote environmentally-responsible products, practices and processes within the commercial interiors marketplace. The concept of a green resource partnership was formulated by Apex president Marlaine McCauley, who teamed up with about 20 other "sustainability-minded" industry professionals to launch the Council. "The issue of sustainability is driving us to take a closer look at the processes and materials that go into building and furnishing the workplace," says McCauley. The Council fills a niche by focusing on what goes on inside the building envelope.

GRC-NW strives to effect positive change in the commercial interiors sector. Among the Council's initial goals are:

- To raise awareness of sustainability issues & environmental health concerns
- To educate design professionals, engineers, construction managers, real estate professionals, facility managers, end users, and business owners
- To serve as a resource partner to help clients make informed decisions regarding product selections, in terms of materials content – recycled content, low-emitting, rapidly renewable and locally-sourced/regional materials – and indoor environmental quality.
- To provide training workshops, educational forums & other networking events
- To serve as a clearinghouse for information & ideas
- To develop partnerships, resource networks & strategic alliances

These educational workshops are intended to serve as a forum for broadening our knowledge, building new collaborative partnerships, and looking beyond the "environmental marketing" hype.

**About Apex Facility Resources, Inc.**

Apex is a Seattle-based commercial office furniture relocation and facility services company with a focus on sustainability – maximizing existing resources and creating the best possible efficiencies while minimizing environmental footprint. For more information, visit [www.apexfacility.com](http://www.apexfacility.com).

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