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SUNY-ESF/US GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL HOST 5TH ANNUAL GREEN BUILDING CONFERENCE

Featured speaker, Onondaga Chief Oren Lyons will provide perspective

(Syracuse, NY) – “We are all caretakers of our environment, in fact, we are the environment,” said Chief Oren R. Lyons, the featured speaker for the fifth annual Green Building Conference, being hosted by the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) and the US Green Building Council at the [Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center](#) in Syracuse, NY.

Chief Oren R. Lyons will speak after the luncheon and the presentation of the 2006 Green Building Advocate of the Year on Friday, April 13, 2007. Chief Lyons is a traditional Faithkeeper of the Turtle Clan and a member of the Onondaga Nation Council of Chiefs. He is a Professor of American Studies at SUNY Buffalo, where he directs the Native American Studies Program. He is sought after lecturer on Indian law and history, human rights, the environment and interfaith dialogue.

Pre-conference workshops will be held on Thursday, April 12th with the full conference program on Friday, April 13th. For the full program, visit the website:

<http://www.esf.edu/outreach/pd/2007/gbc/program.htm>.

The annual Green Building Conference attendees include: engineers, architects, code officials, academics, building owners and community members. This is an annual conference

focused on green building issues, strategies, and products, providing professionals with an opportunity to network and discuss the latest technologies and best practices in their fields.

The 5th annual conference will spotlight biomass, sustainability initiatives, energy savings, recycling and the real challenges of building green.

The conference will include discussions about green building practices, vendor displays, and offer an interactive double session, “Shifting our collective mindset”.

John Boecker, vice-president and regional operations manager for L. Robert Kimball & Associates, will present the kick-off address, “Integrated Design Strategies” on April 13, 2007. Mr. Boecker was awarded the Pennsylvania Governor’s Award for Environmental Excellence pertaining to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resources.

Thursday’s workshops: 6D Software training: Integrate decision making with budgetary outcomes and LEED New Construction for Technical Review will earn PDHs and CEUs. To register for 6D Software workshop, visit <http://www.esf.edu/outreach/pd/2007/gbc/register.htm>.

To register for LEED, visit USGBC website at <http://www.usgbc.org/Workshops/Workshoplist.aspx>

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