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**MSCA Recognizes Top Green Contractors
'MSCA GreenStar' promotes environmental leadership among
MSCA STAR contractors**

ROCKVILLE, MD – The Mechanical Service Contractors of America (MSCA) has introduced a new 'GreenStar' certification program recognizing MSCA STAR contractors who have shown exceptional commitment to environmental stewardship.

MSCA GreenStar, recognized by the industry's top green building resource, the United States Green Building Council (USGBC), is a special certification available only to MSCA STAR contractors committed to promoting environmentally conscious service.

In order to attain GreenStar status, contractors must demonstrate they have the proven skills and expertise necessary to deliver energy efficient and cost effective indoor environmental solutions to meet customer needs and ensure tenant health, safety and satisfaction.

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At a MSCA STAR Summit in Chicago May 13 – 14, where the GreenStar announcement was made, Linda Sorrento, Director of Education and Research Partnerships of the U.S. Green Building Council thanked the organization for being the first contractor group to establish this type of program. “You are truly the leaders in this movement,” she said. “We know your educational programs are top notch, so this is a most appropriate partnership.”

To become an MSCA GreenStar, an MSCA STAR contractor must:

- Employ at least one LEED Accredited Professional
- Be a member of the USGBC – either with a local chapter or the national organization
- Verify that at least 25 percent of their total employees have participated in a green training or education program
- Demonstrate that they promote environmental responsibility by offering specific sustainable services and recommending green procedures and equipment
- Establish an internal commitment to green by attaining LEED certification, of any type, for their building, or by developing an internal “green policy”
- Have participated as part of a project team with a LEED EB or LEED NC registered project within the past three years

MSCA GreenStar was developed to advocate MSCA STAR leadership in environmentally-friendly mechanical service, according to Russ Borst, chairman of the MSCA Board of Managers.

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“The building and facility marketplace is looking for new and innovative ways to use eco-friendly products and solutions,” explained Borst. “Our GreenStar certification allows MSCA STAR contractors to help meet the needs of their customers, while providing continuing best-in-class service, support and value.”

For more information about the MSCA GreenStar, visit www.msccstar.org/greenstar, or contact MSCA Executive Director Barbara Dolim at bdolim@mcaa.org, or (301) 869-5800.

About MSCA STAR:

There are presently 95 MSCA STAR qualified contractors nationwide. To become an MSCA STAR company, an MSCA contractor must meet a wide range of criteria, including maintaining a superior safety record, offering outstanding customer service and strict adherence to ongoing continuing education and training for all of their employees.

For more information about MSCA STAR and its benefits to the building owner, visit www.msccstar.org or contact Barbara Dolim at bdolim@mcaa.org.

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About MSCA

MSCA is the leading national trade association for HVACR contractors, providing education, marketing and labor/management services to assure its members deliver quality performance, value and expertise for all building system needs. MSCA contractors perform service, maintenance, replacement, retrofit and repair work resulting in enhanced reliability, tenant satisfaction, and efficiency. MSCA's contractor qualifications program, MSCA STAR, recognizes contractors that have met the highest standards of excellence in the industry and employ highly-skilled UA STAR certified technicians. MSCA has over 1,200 members and is a subsidiary of the Mechanical Contractors Association of America.