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1. Carbon Offsets – Clean Air-Cool Planet Guide and Articles in U.S. News & World Report

There has been a lot of buzz recently about neutralizing one's carbon footprint (especially for travel) by purchasing carbon offsets. But sifting through the various options that many non-profit and for-profit organizations are offering can be daunting. Help has arrived! Clean Air-Cool Planet recently published a comprehensive guide to Carbon Offsets. Read it online at: <http://www.cleanair-coolplanet.org/ConsumersGuidetoCarbonOffsets.pdf>. Also, U.S. News & World Report published an article "A Consumer's Guide to Becoming Carbon Neutral" which references the CA-CP report on 12/8/06. See <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/biztech/articles/061208/8carbon.htm>. Also see its related article "The Market to Clean Air" at <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/biztech/articles/061210/18carbon.htm>.

-Mary Reilly

2. Presidents Climate Commitment Update: 382 University Presidents Receive Letter from Leadership Circle

A letter from the 12 university and college presidents in the Leadership Circle went out to over 380 other college and university presidents this week, inviting them become charter signatories to the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment. This is the first major outreach effort to universities regarding the commitment and we expect it to generate a huge response. You can read more about the commitment and view the documents that were sent to the presidents on the AASHE website at:

<http://www.aashe.org/presidentsclimatecommitment.php>.

-Mary Reilly

3. Last Call for HEASC Training Registrations

If you plan to attend the January Training and Project committees Kickoff, please send in your registration forms as soon as you can so we can arrange for food, etc. You can either email the form to mreilly@secondnature.org or Fax it in to: 320-451-1612. Also, we have revised the agenda for the training that includes more details. It's posted on the HEASC website at:

http://www.aashe.org/heasc/resources/pdf/HEASC_Jan_Training_Agenda_final.pdf

-Mary Reilly

4. Project Committees Descriptions

To help you decide which of the committees you and your colleagues would like to join, we've created a list with short descriptions of each. We encourage you to disseminate this to anyone in your respective organizations who could contribute to, or benefit from, any these committees.

You can access the document on the HEASC website at:

http://www.aashe.org/heasc/resources/pdf/HEASC_Project_Committees_Descriptions_final.pdf

-Mary Reilly

5. Happy Holidays!

Wishing you all a very healthy, happy and *sustainable* holiday season. And here's to much success for HEASC in 2007. Thank you for your participation, involvement and efforts in creating a sustainable world!

-Tony Cortese, Deb Rowe and Mary Reilly

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