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1. ACUPCC Update

The ACUPCC continues to grow with 3 more institutions signing on since the last digest; presently, we stand at **557** institutions! The ACUPCC now represents more than 4.5 million students in all 50 States and the District of Columbia!

- The ACUPCC just completed its' 2008 Climate Leadership Summit in Grand Rapids, MI. About 150 representatives of the ACUPCC institutions, potential signatory institutions, and partner organizations convened for this 2-day event. Participants heard from inspirational speakers such as Ray Anderson, Founder and chairman of Interface, Inc., T. M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor of Des Moines Iowa, and Peter Wege, Founder of The Wege Foundation. They also engaged in panel sessions featuring signatories to the ACUPCC in an effort to share success stories and learn from each other's challenges. Follow the links below to watch videos of Ray Anderson's keynote and some of the sessions, as well as listen to interviews from some attendees talking about why they signed and what they've done on campus since signing. Thanks to Grand Rapids Community College for volunteering to film the panel sessions and for posting them to YouTube!

Video: Presidents Climate Commitment Leadership Summit

<http://www.aashe.net/blog/posts-by/niles/pcc-leadership-summit-live-video-presentations>

PCC Summit: Presidential Voices Project

<http://www.aashe.net/blog/posts-by/niles/pcc-summit-live-presidential-voices-project>

- **TAC Free Webinar: Utilizing Performance Contracting to meet the ACUPCC**

As one of the world's largest energy services companies, a member of the U.S. Green Building Council, partner of the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI) and American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) sponsor, TAC also has made a public commitment to preserving the environment.

Through our Energy Solutions division, TAC is helping colleges and universities nationwide to reduce energy consumption, upgrade facilities and lower greenhouse gas emissions. Learn how TAC can help fulfill your ACUPCC commitment today.

Free Webinar:

Tuesday, July 8th, 2008

1:00 - 2:00 pm Central

Sign Up for this FREE, 1-hour webinar, which will demonstrate how a performance contract can help meet the requirements of the ACUPCC.

Topics Covered:

- Establishing your campus' carbon footprint using the CA-CP Campus Carbon Calculator
- Identifying and evaluating mitigation strategies
- Developing meaningful reports and meeting program deadline requirements
- Evaluating funding options for implementing improvements on campus
- ACUPCC/CCI overview provided by Second Nature

For more information and to register please visit

http://info.us.tac.com/ACUPCC/ACUPCC_Webinar_Invitation.html

-Stephen Muzzy

2. AASHE Updates

- **AASHE Releases Annual Review of Sustainability in Higher Education**

June 30, 2008: A new publication from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) documents the continued growth in campus sustainability efforts across the US and Canada.

AASHE Digest 2007 offers a comprehensive review of campus sustainability efforts from 2007. The 230-page report includes over 800 stories about higher education institutions leading the way to a sustainable future. It is organized into 24 chapters spanning education, research, campus operations, administration, and finance.

"By any yardstick, sustainability in higher education hit new milestones of success in 2007," said Judy Walton, AASHE's Executive Director. "We hope that the stories in the *Digest* inspire others and catalyze even greater accomplishments in 2008."

The *Digest* offers ample evidence of a broadening and deepening of campus sustainability efforts, with more institutions of all types getting involved and campuses undertaking more significant measures than ever before to improve their sustainability performance. Of particular note is the fact that over the course of 2007, 452 presidents and chancellors committed to climate neutrality by signing the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment and at least 35 other colleges and universities announced their own climate commitments and energy conservation plans

Digest stories also document the emergence of ranking and rating systems that compare campuses on sustainability criteria. There were at least 6 separate attempts to evaluate campus sustainability performance in 2007, ranging from the Sustainable Endowments

Institute's College Sustainability Report Card to Grist magazine's "15 Green Colleges and Universities." AASHE entered the field as well with the release of the first draft of its Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS).

AASHE Digest is comprised of news stories and resources from AASHE's weekly newsletter, *AASHE Bulletin*.

<http://www.aashe.org/highlights/digest07.php>

- **Call for Papers on Climate Action Planning and the ACUPCC**

The International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education and AASHE have issued a call for papers for a special issue of the Journal on climate action planning at campuses in the United States. This is an excellent opportunity for ACUPCC institutions to highlight their plans and activities to date – a great way to bring positive attention to your efforts, and the initiative as a whole. The issue will be published in January of 2009, and the closing date for submissions is: August 29, 2008.

For more information on this opportunity, please visit:

<http://www.aashe.org/highlights/ijshs.php>

3. AACC: Announces Call for Applications for the Higher Education Sustainability Fellows Program

Contribute to a sustainable future at the national level! Apply to be a Higher Education Sustainability Fellow. As a Fellow, you will be an important part of the national trend toward sustainability in higher education. You will spend 4-5 hours each week working with your professional association and other related higher education associations, helping them collect and share quality sustainability information with their members.

To read the full announcement visit

<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Template.cfm?Section=Headlines&Template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=20178>

-Carolyn Teich

4. Economic Development Administration Telecast/Webcast - July 17, 2008, 2:30 p.m.

Seeing the Green: Bolstering Economic Development Strategies with Environmental Responsibility

The July 17, 2008 telecast/Webinar will focus on the intersection between economic development and sustainable business and planning practices. Sign up <http://edabroadcast.haverstick.biz> to learn how economic regions can strengthen their competitiveness through innovative and "green" sustainable development strategies, including alternative energy practices, green-collar jobs creation and forward-thinking business activities. Guests will discuss local and regional strategies for conserving energy, increasing efficiency and boosting business profits. The discussion will be led by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, Benjamin Erulkar.

Panelists include:

* Tom Darden, President, Cherokee Investment Partners

* W. Paul Farmer, FAICP, Executive Director and CEO, American Planning Association

* Nancy McKeever, I-PLACE3S/Sustainable Energy Program Manager, California Energy Commission

To register, visit: <http://edabroadcast.haverstick.biz>

-Carolyn Teich

5. Special Report: The greening of universities

Higher education institutions and researchers are making major contributions to advancing knowledge on local, national and global environmental and sustainability issues. But how 'green' are universities themselves? Read the complete article at <http://www.universityworldnews.com/>

-Carolyn Teich via [universityworldnews.com](http://www.universityworldnews.com)

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http://info.us.tac.com/ACUPCC/ACUPCC_Webinar_Invitation.html
- **NACUBO 2008 Annual Meeting: Changing Perspectives-** July 12-15 Chicago, IL
<http://www.nacuboannualmeeting.org/nacubo2008/public/enter.aspx>
- **Economic Development Administration Webcast** - July 17, 2008, 2:30 p.m.
<http://edabroadcast.haverstick.biz>
- **Creating a Sustainable Campus Through Integrated Planning Workshop**
July 19, 2008, Montreal, QC <http://www.scup.org/annualconf/43/workshops.html>
- **AASHE Conference 2008: Working Together for Sustainability**
November 9-11, 2008, Raleigh, NC <http://www.aashe.org/conf2008/>

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