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Eastern Is “Going Green”

Willimantic, CT – The Department of Facilities Management and Planning at Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) is sponsoring a web conference series entitled, “Going Green: Effectively Deploying Green Buildings.” The conference will be held in two parts, on Wednesday, Oct. 6 and Wednesday Oct. 13, from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Connecticut Room of the Gelsi-Young Administration Building. Admission is free. The public is invited. Seating is limited.

“Eastern is committed to being environmentally friendly,” according to Renee Theroux-Keech, associate director of engineering and design services. “Eastern believes it is important to engage the community on our efforts to preserve the environment. We are applying for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification of our new buildings.”

The early success of green construction and campus operations has led to wider consideration of this strategy. Gene Luna, associate vice president for student affairs and director of student development and university housing at the University of South Carolina, and Michael Koman, environmental program manager with university

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housing at the University of South Carolina, will facilitate the web conference. They will discuss topics such as institutional justifications, the challenges of a green implementation, the importance of LEED certification and the future of green buildings.

The program agenda will provide an overview of the green building movement, challenges to initiating a green building project on a campus, characteristics of a green building, discussion of LEED and sustainability issues. The panelists will use the University of South Carolina as a case study.

If you would like to attend this event, please contact Ms. Charlene Brown, administrative assistant in the department of Facilities Management and Planning at (860)465-4473.

For more information regarding this event, contact Renee Theroux-Keech at (860)465-4596, or email keechr@easternct.edu.

It is the policy of Eastern Connecticut State University to ensure equal access to its events. If you are an individual with a disability and will need accommodations for this event, please contact the Office of University Relations at (860) 465-5735.

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