(Madison, WI, March 5, 2012) -- Leonardo Academy President and founder, Michael Arny, was recently invited to speak at the International Construction Week (ICW) 2012 held from February 14 to 16 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The annual conference, hosted by the Malaysian government and the Construction Industry Board of Malaysia, brings together leaders and key players in the global construction industry to showcase the latest in construction products and services, construction mechanization and automation, and Green Technology. A significant focus of this event was also to endorse minimization of energy consumption while enhancing sustainable development within the industry.

Drawing on his experience as an expert on energy, environmental and sustainability issues for more than 30 years, Arny presented on strategies to reduce carbon emissions from buildings and facilitated a panel discussion addressing the impacts of “Green Buildings” in increasing social, economic and environmental sustainability. Other panelists included government leaders and representatives from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

Arny has been engaged in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) since 1998. He served on the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED Steering Committee from 2001 to 2005, guiding the development of the LEED program, and was the Chair of the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED for Existing Buildings (EB) Committee from 2001 through 2005, guiding this committee’s work on the development of LEED-EB. He is known as the “Father of LEED-EB” because of the broad role he played in its development.
About Leonardo Academy

Mission Statement
Leonardo Academy is a charitable 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing sustainability by leveraging innovative tools and information to motivate the competitive market. By utilizing an interdisciplinary approach to sustainability strategies, education and implementation, we strive to make sustainability practical for everyone. We develop integrative sustainability solutions designed to enhance the environmental stewardship, social responsibility and economic prosperity of organizations, corporations and individuals. We see a world filled with sustainable opportunities that can transform the way we live today and ensure the prosperity of future generations.

Programs and Services
Leonardo Academy works on a broad range of sustainability issues and provides comprehensive sustainability programs and services to help companies, organizations, families and individuals implement sustainability. Our programs and services include: organizational sustainability assessments and implementation; emissions footprints, reduction strategies and offsets; LEED® assessments, implementation and certification application preparation; sustainable land management; sustainability training; and sustainability standards development.

Join Our Work
Individuals, organizations and companies are invited to join in Leonardo Academy’s work on advancing sustainability. One important way to join in our work is by making a charitable donation to support these efforts. Online donations can be made at: www.leonardoacademy.org.

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