

Memorandum of Understanding
between
The Green Water-Infrastructure Academy
and
The American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association



1. Introduction

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish guidelines for a partnership between the Green Water-Infrastructure Academy (GWI Academy) and the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association (ARCSEA) to build on each organization's strength. As an outcome, GWI Academy and ARCSEA will strive to develop and implement an integrated "expert-based" and "service-based" framework of operation for information-sharing and research within target localities in the United States and other countries to promote the sustainable use of rainwater.

GWI Academy's mission is to enhance human health and quality of life in global urban environments by promoting green water-infrastructure research, education and outreach programs. Green water-infrastructure is defined as small-scale, decentralized water systems that integrate locally available water and renewable energy resources for water treatment, water delivery and use at the local level. GWI Academy's goals include providing financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students in the form of small grants and fellowships, and small grants to entities interested in conducting GWI research.

ARCSEA was founded to promote rainwater catchment systems throughout the world. Its membership, found throughout the world, is a diverse group of water enthusiasts including city, state, federal and international government officials, academics, homeowners, gardeners, manufacturers, suppliers, architects, landscape architects and consultants. ARCSEA's mission is to promote sustainable rainwater harvesting practices to help solve potable, non-potable, stormwater and energy challenges throughout the world through workshops, conferences, publications, dialog and information-sharing.

2. The Partnership

- A. Mutual benefit can be derived from scholarly and professional interaction, co-operative research and other forms of professional collaboration.

- B. The parties regard the following areas of co-operation as desirable and feasible:
 - i. Co-operation in research in specified areas of interest e.g. innovative technologies for rainwater collection, treatment and use, including urban agriculture systems.
 - ii. Co-operation in conducting training programs, short courses, symposia and workshops.
 - iii. Submission of joint GWI Academy-ARCSA proposal to external funding agencies.
 - iv. Establishment of collaborative fellowships and scholarships in rainwater interests.

3. Terms and Legal Effects

- A. The terms of specific areas of co-operation shall be further considered and agreed upon in writing by the parties prior to the initiation of any particular activity.
- B. Any specific program will be subject to mutual consent, availability of funds and approval of both parties.
- C. The parties agree that this Memorandum of Understanding is not a formal legal agreement giving rise to any legal relationship, rights, duties or consequences, but it is only a definite expression and record of the purpose of the parties to which the parties are bound in honor only.
- D. This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in effect for a period of two (2) years from the date of signing and it may be renewed for a further two (2) years by the mutual agreement of both parties. The Memorandum can be terminated at any time by either party upon provision of six (6) months written notice to the other party. This Memorandum may be amended or modified at any time by the mutual consent of the co-operating institutions.

SIGNED for and on behalf of

Green Water-Infrastructure Academy


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Date: 12/03/2015.....

American Rainwater Catchment System Association


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