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2010-2011 Board Member Application Form

Nominees: Please answer the following questions in the space provided and return this completed Application Form plus the signed attached Commitment Form to buhrich@usgbc-centraltexas.org in an electronic format by 5:00 pm, Monday, October 5, 2009. Email or call Brian Uhrich at **210-546-0200** with any questions. The Committee reserves the right to delete narrative exceeding the space provided. Application material will be made available to the Nominating Committee for evaluation and to the chapter membership if selected as a candidate. Thank you!

Submitted By:

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Questionnaire – Please note that answers will appear online as they are answered below:

a. In general, why do you wish to be a member of the Chapter Board?

My objective as a continued tenure on the board is to increase the chapter's visibility and revenue stream.

b. Please provide a summary of your professional qualifications, knowledge and experience of most relevance to the Chapter. Also indicate the degree to which you have senior management and executive level experience.

My career in the environmental industry is within State and municipal government. My experience ranges in a diversity of environmental issues from resource recovery to air quality to energy conservation, renewable energy and high performance building.

The chapter will find my experience as a current board member, executive committee member and education committee liaison of most value. In addition my current positioning at the City of San Antonio allows me to meld my job responsibility with my chapter role as an education committee leader in advancing high performance building in San Antonio.

c. The Chapter is committed to strengthening its membership diversity. What resources could you bring to bear (e.g., demonstrated expertise, leadership positions, and willingness) to help further Chapter participation from high priority sectors including: real estate, energy/utility, finance/insurance, residential, corporate, and product manufacturing? You can also address other sectors you think require greater involvement in the Chapter.

My experience as a current Central Texas Balcones chapter board member and my experience as director of a local nonprofit would be of most value to the chapter. I would foster the chapter's primary objectives to increase sponsorship activity, enhance education and outreach services to better serve the chapter's membership and advance the adoption of sustainable building within the public and private sector.

d. One of the important functions of Board members is fundraising and other activities to support priority needs of the Chapter. This may take many forms, including: direct sponsorships; helping secure funding or

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otherwise opening doors from corporate, governmental, and charitable sources; seeking third-party sponsors; recruiting important new members; in-kind support, etc. Please explain your ability and willingness to participate in resource development.

If selected to continue my tenure as a board member, I have no reservations on fundraising to support the chapter's needs. To date, as a board member, I have committed the City of San Antonio to be the chapter's first gold level sponsor.

e. Describe what expertise, experience and resources you would bring to any of the following priority activities: advocacy, LEED, education, research, community and organizational excellence

My emphasis would be on education and programs to heighten the level of service the chapter provides to its members. But also to respond to the government and private sector to recognize the economic benefits of adopting a sustainable building policy for new and existing buildings.

f. Describe your experience from other organizations with successful chapter programs.

My accomplishments as a director of a nonprofit and increasing its core of services helped increase the organization's budget by fifty percent. Board membership and general membership capacity was also increase.

g. Leadership positions (volunteer or professional staff) with nonprofit governance.

Executive Director, Keep San Antonio Beautiful
Vice-President – Projects, Beautify San Antonio Association
2nd Vice President – Awards Program, Beautify San Antonio Association
Newsletter Editor – Beautify San Antonio Association
Secretary – Corporate Recycling Council of San Antonio

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h. Other areas you believe are critical for the Chapter.

I firmly believe the chapter's partnership with my employer, the City of San Antonio Office of Environmental Policy is an asset to the chapter and well as to the City of San Antonio in advancing green building practices to make our community fully sustainable for the future.

i. Please identify any affiliations, memberships, and accreditations which may be pertinent for Chapter leadership.

Member of the San Antonio Water System Citizens' Conservation Committee

j. Are you a chapter member in good standing and employed in the membership category depicted above?

Yes

k. Are you able to attend at least nine of the twelve regularly-scheduled Board meetings each year?

Yes

l. The Board's conflict of interest policy is summarized in the Fact Sheet. As the full statement indicates, conflicts are not inherently improper but Directors must be conscious of such conflicts and act with candor and care in dealing with such situations. Will you abide by the Chapter's conflict policy and can you do so without significantly affecting your Board responsibilities?

Yes