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ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM STRENGTHENS BOARD, APPOINTS TWO NEW TRUSTEES

*Teragren CEO David Knight, Former ELP Fellow Daniel Garofalo to Provide
Guidance, Expertise as Organization Pursues Environmental Vision*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – December 4, 2007 – The Environmental Leadership Program (www.elpnet.org), a non-profit organization dedicated to training emerging environmental leaders, today announced that it has appointed two new members to its board of trustees.

David M. Knight of Teragren Fine Bamboo Flooring, Panels and Veneer (www.teragren.com) and former ELP Fellow Daniel K. Garofalo of the University of Pennsylvania (www.upenn.edu) are the newest additions to the board.

“We believe that a tremendous opportunity to create a more significant national community of emerging environmental leaders lies directly ahead of us,” said Executive Director Paul Sabin. “We’re thrilled that David and Daniel have joined our esteemed board to help address the many environmental challenges facing our country.”

“Together, David and Daniel bring profound levels of expertise and savvy to ELP,” continued Sabin. “We expect to truly benefit from their guidance as we institute our organizational vision.”

David Knight

As president, chief executive officer and chief environmental officer at Teragren, the nation's leading manufacturer of environmentally responsible bamboo flooring, panels and veneer, Knight's goal has always been to build a company that is environmentally, socially and economically responsible.

At Teragren, David plans and directs all aspects of the company's policies and business initiatives. Under his leadership, the company has set the standard for bamboo flooring and panel products through stringent, environmentally friendly manufacturing specifications and continuous product innovations.

Knight has participated in several high profile speaking engagements at industry conferences including the Discover Brilliant International conference dedicated to building the sustainable economy. He was highlighted in *Inc. Magazine* when Teragren was named one of "The Green 50" companies that are setting the standard for environmentally friendly business.

Daniel G. Garofalo

A former ELP Fellow, Garofalo is the senior facilities planner at the University of Pennsylvania, where he assists with implementation of the University's 25-Year Development Plan. He also is directing the revision of Penn's Design Guidelines to incorporate sustainability and environmental awareness.

Previously, Garofalo was an architect at several Philadelphia firms including Becker Winston Architects, Jacobs / Wyper Architects, BBLM Architects and the Hillier Group, where he assumed leadership roles in a variety of higher education, healthcare, corporate, urban redesign and residential projects.

Garofalo served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Malawi, where he was the architect in charge of design for the capital city's Housing and Planning Office. He is also founder and past chair of the Community Design Collaborative, Philadelphia's pro-bono design center, and serves on the boards of the Delaware Valley Green Building Council and the Friends of the Free Library.

Looking Ahead

Every year, ELP regional programs in New England, the Delaware Valley, and the Southeast United States each engage twenty or more up-and-coming leaders in a training program that increases their public communication and leadership skills, and furthers their knowledge of the environmental field.

With two new members on the board, ELP is looking forward to instituting a new strategic vision that sets the organization on course to develop 10-15 additional regional networks across the country in 2008.

These regional fellowship programs will provide a year of localized training and programming to new ELP Fellows, acting as a gateway to networking and collaborative opportunities presented by the organization's national senior fellow community. Through national programming, including conferences, senior fellow projects / gatherings and distance learning and collaboration, ELP fellows will be linked together into one visionary, action-oriented and diverse national community.

In choosing this direction, ELP seeks to become a truly transformative organization by achieving a scale and scope that allows the organization to more strongly address the environmental challenges that face our country.

About the Environmental Leadership Program

Since 1999, the Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) (www.elpnet.org) has trained emerging environmental leaders, providing the skills, network and support needed to work for a just and sustainable future. Through regional networks and national programming, ELP has created a dynamic network among nearly 300 of the country's top emerging environmental leaders. ELP regional programs each annually engage approximately twenty up-and-coming leaders in a series of trainings that increases their public communication and leadership skills, and furthers their knowledge of the environmental field. ELP strives to bring together a diverse cohort who can shape local and regional public agendas on environmental challenges and who can spur the development of innovative, equitable, and practical solutions. Recognizing that every sector plays a critical role in environmental progress, ELP recruits from across the field, including nonprofits, academia, government, and the private sector. ELP believes that future environmental leaders must reflect the increasingly diverse demographics of the

American public, and that the environmental community must strengthen its ties with groups that have been historically underrepresented in the environmental field, including civil rights, faith, labor, community-based and public health organizations. ELP aims for roughly fifty percent people of color among its program participants, believing that future environmental leaders must better reflect the demographics of the nation. ELP's second national conference on The Politics of Food will focus on food security, sustainability and systems, and will be held at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC, September 21-23, 2008.

About Teragren

In 1994, Teragren (www.teragren.com) pioneered the bamboo flooring, panel and veneer industry in the United States. The company is recognized as a category leader by the architectural and design communities as well as major floor covering distributors and retailers, and panel and veneer distributors. Teragren is also considered a leader within the broader sustainable business movement—it was named by Inc. Magazine as one of “The Green 50” companies that are setting the standard for environmentally friendly business, and one of the “Top Ten Greentrepreneurs” by Seattle Metropolitan Magazine. All Teragren bamboo products contribute to certification under the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED® (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) rating system in one or more categories. The company owns exclusive rights to two strand bamboo patents in the U.S. (*Patent # 5,543,197*) and Mexico (*Patent # 204281*).