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Teragren CEO David Knight appointed to Environmental Leadership Program

[Washington, D.C.] The Environmental Leadership Program (ELP), a nonprofit organization that trains emerging environmental leaders, has appointed Teragren CEO David M. Knight to its board. ELP recruits from nonprofits, academia, government, and the private sector and strives to develop 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, according to an ELP spokesperson. Through regional networks and national programming, ELP has created a network among nearly 300 of the country's emerging environmental leaders, each year engaging 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.

As president, chief executive officer and chief environmental officer at Teragren, Knight says his goal has always been to build a company that is environmentally, socially and economically responsible. 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.

Knight was appointed along with former ELP Fellow, Daniel K. Garofalo of the University of Pennsylvania. "We believe that a tremendous opportunity to create a more significant national community of emerging environmental leaders lies directly ahead of us," said ELP 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."

ELP plans to institute a new strategic vision that sets the organization on course to develop 10-15 additional regional networks across the country in 2008.