Memorandum of Understanding - 2015

Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) and the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association (ARCSA) share significant common interests and wish to compound their efforts by signing and executing this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

I. Introduction

SFCC and ARCSA share a general interest in environmental stewardship and education, and a specific interest in sustainable rainwater harvesting. The SFCC Environmental Technologies course entitled “Active Water Harvesting and Distribution Systems,” (currently designated ENVR 215) and ARCSA’s accreditation program share common goals, philosophies and methods.

The purpose of this MOU is to create a partnership between SFCC and ARCSA that is built on each organization’s strengths. Each organization wishes to establish the least-complex arrangement needed for SFCC students to apply the extensive educational depth provided by their Environmental Technologies course toward satisfying the requirements of accreditation with ARCSA.
II. Roles and Contributions

This MOU is intended to outline the requirements for SFCC students of ENVR 215 (or its replacement course identification) to apply their extensive water-harvesting knowledge toward meeting the ARCSA requirements for accreditation.

III. Terms and Legal Effect

This MOU is a living document that defines mutually agreeable requirements and deliverables for collaborative efforts between the SFCC and the ARCSA. Both SFCC and ARCSA hereto acknowledge that this MOU constitutes a non-binding memorandum of understanding that reflects the intent of the parties to cooperate in good faith regarding the transactions herein and does not constitute a legally binding agreement.

IV. Conditions, Exchanges and Deliverables

1. SFCC's Environmental Technologies Course ENVR 215 shall cover the material addressed in ARCSA's two-day Accredited Professional workshop, which is based on the current ARCSA manual. That manual is currently entitled "Rainwater Harvesting: System Planning" published by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, dated November, 2012. If the ARCSA manual is changed or replaced, SFCC's course material will be modified to incorporate those changes or new manual.

2. The course shall teach students the standards of ARCSA/ASPE/ANSI Standards 63.

3. Students of ENVR 215 who wish to pursue ARCSA accreditation shall purchase the current ARCSA manual, upon which the ARCSA accreditation examination is based.

4. SFCC will provide ARCSA with a name-only list of ENVR 215 students for ARCSA to verify their application. ARCSA will not otherwise use the list for any purposes.

5. ARCSA and SFCC will promote their agreement with press releases, and will further recognize each other appropriately on their respective websites and/or printed material.

6. SFCC instructors shall explain to ENVR 215 students the mission of ARCSA, that this non-profit is the only nationally recognized rainwater harvesting accreditation organization, the process of becoming accredited, the levels of accreditation available and also the:

   i. Membership fees
   ii. Examination and Administration fees
   iii. Recurring Continuing Education requirements

7. Interested students should consult the ARCSA website - www.arcusa.org - for details.

8. SFCC would be authorized to advertise that they are an "ARCSA Rainwater Harvesting Educational Institution."

9. No financial transactions between SFCC and ARCSA are required for this accreditation agreement. Students wishing to pursue accreditation would individually join ARCSA and fulfill the accreditation requirements directly with ARCSA.
V. Duration, Renewal and Termination

This MOU shall take effect immediately upon signing by both the SFCC and the ARCSA; provided, however, that both the SFCC and the ARCSA hereto acknowledge that this MOU constitutes a non-binding memorandum of understanding that reflects the intent of the parties to cooperate in good faith regarding the conditions described herein and does not constitute a legally binding agreement. This MOU shall have a three (3) year term from time of signing and may be renewed at any time, if mutually agreeable upon, by submitting written notice to the other party not less than 30 days prior to the expiration date.

This agreement may be terminated by either party by submitting written notice to the other party not less than 30 days prior to the intended date for discontinuing activities within the scope of this MOU. Such notice shall indicate the reasons for requesting such termination.

Santa Fe Community College

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