

Memorandum of Understanding – 2016

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Laborers International Union of North America (LiUNA) (known as the “Association” for purposes of this document) and the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association (ARCSEA) share significant common interests and wish to compound their efforts by signing and executing this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

I. Introduction

The Association and ARCSEA share a general interest in environmental stewardship and education, and a specific interest in sustainable rainwater harvesting and stormwater harvesting. The Association’s rainwater harvesting course and ARCSEA’s accreditation program share common goals, philosophies and methods.

The purpose of this MOU is to create a partnership between the Association and ARCSEA that is built on each organization’s strengths. Each organization wishes to establish the least-complex arrangement needed for Association members and staff to apply the extensive educational depth provided by their course toward satisfying the requirements of the accredited professional program offered by ARCSEA.

II. Roles and Contributions

This MOU is intended to outline the requirements for the Association members to apply their extensive water-harvesting knowledge toward meeting the ARCSEA 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 Association and the ARCSA. Both the Association 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

The Association will conduct its training with the ARCSA Manual and agrees to the following points in this MOU:

- Consideration for LiUNA representatives and or consultants to actively engaged in the leadership of ARCSA, including:
 - A Seat on the ARCSA Board of Directors
 - Membership in all Technical committees, standards committees, training committees and other areas that would allow LiUNA to be part of the process that creates rainwater and stormwater and other associated standards and codes.
- ARCSA & LiUNA will work cooperatively together to promote, expand and educate at the federal, state and local levels the benefits, proper materials, design, installation, enforcement and contractor requirements for
 - Stormwater Harvesting Systems
 - Rainwater Catchment Systems
 - Any current in process or future related standards and codes that relate to the aforementioned and or that are supportive to the cooperative efforts between the organizations as defined in the MOU
 - ARCSA will work with the LiUNA Training Trust to develop a “Train the Trainer” program which will:
 - Allow LiUNA training centers across North America to deliver the ARCSA Accredited Professional (AP) training for contractors and the Association’s members based on the ARCSA Rainwater Harvesting Manual
 - LiUNA Members wishing to take the ARCSA AP training will acquire an ARCSA manual and become members of ARCSA and will maintain the ARCSA membership throughout the ARCSA accreditation process. A yearly ARCSA administration fee will additionally be required to maintain the AP status.
 - The Accreditation fee may be subject to future revision based on new technologies etc. However, the Association’s members will always be treated exactly the same as all other ARCSA members with no difference in fee or training requirements.

- LiUNA Training will work cooperatively with ARCSA to refine the areas of the MOU that will apply to the “Train the Trainer” as well as any of the associated details therein after the agreement of the MOU
- The overall goal and objective is for both parties to work together per the proposed MOU, and also work towards a cooperative and more formal relationship with the United Association and the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials

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