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GREEN SKILLS NETWORK TO PROMOTE WORKPLACE SUSTAINABILITY

TAFE Directors Australia (TDA) is pleased to announce the launch of a new initiative to assist educators, business and the community to more rapidly transition to a low carbon economy. The International Green Skills Network was launched today at the TDA Conference in Perth.

This exciting new initiative has been seed funded by The Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE) under the Skills for the Carbon Challenge. The Network will work with TAFE, VET providers, universities, business, communities and governments across Australia to promote and support ‘Green Skill’ development in the workplace, with a focus on education for sustainability.

In addition, the US Department of Energy and the American Association of Community Colleges have also actively participated in the instigation of the network and cooperation between the two countries. The China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE) has also joined TDA in Australia by promoting green skill segments in its CEAIE 2012 International Conference, seeking to establish closer collaboration between sustainability practice in China polytechnics and Australian TAFE.

Network members will be provided with the following benefits:

- Use of the Green Skills Network logo to promote and brand their green credentials
- Access to resources and teaching materials associated with greening the curriculum from the US and Australia
- Assisted access to Workforce Development Funds through industry training programs and the Industry Skills Councils in Australia
• Professional development opportunities with a range of providers including the TDC, a professional development organisation based in Victoria
• A regular e-newsletter
• Teacher, management and students exchange opportunities with the US and China
• Regular events including workshops and seminars at discounted fees
• Attendance at the biannual Conference at a discounted fee

Organisations interested in joining the Network are asked to contact:

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