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Standards for Excellence Institute Announces First Group of Licensed Consultants

May 31, 2006 The Standards for Excellence Institute, an initiative dedicated to strengthening management and governance in nonprofit organizations, announces that its first class of individuals completed an intense three-day training program, to become Licensed Consultants in the many facets of the Standards for Excellence Program.

These Licensed Consultants can help nonprofits improve their governance and management through organizational assessments, consulting and training and assistance in the application process for national certification. As Licensed Consultants, these individuals may use the Standards for Excellence training curricula and educational materials and tools nation wide, in areas where the Institute does not presently have replication partners.

Peter Berns, founder and executive director of the Institute said, *“the Standards has had a goal since its launch two years ago to expand its national outreach,”* *“This group of licensed consultants reflects our purpose and mission and we are very excited to have our first official group ambassadors help us spread this important program of ethics and accountability nationwide.”*

When asked to share their thoughts on the Standards, two training participants provided comments as follows:

“Standards for Excellence will ‘raise the bar’ for what is usual and customary within nonprofits.”

June Perry, Milwaukee, WI

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“As a seasoned consultant to nonprofit organizations, I find the knowledge, experience and enthusiasm of the Institute staff stunning! The Standards for Excellence is a significant gift to the nonprofit community and to us consultants who serve it. Thanks for the years of work in developing, refining and sharing the Standards. I am delighted to be part of the new community of Licensed Consultants.” Susan Still, Severna Park, MD

The eight licensed consultants are:

Marilynn Fauth	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Thomas Hyatt	Washington, DC
Colleen Ives	West Franklin, New Hampshire
June Martin Perry	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Yvonne Petersen	St. Croix, Virgin Islands
Eric Schmall	Louisville, Kentucky
Susan Still	Severna Park, Maryland
Naomi Takeuchi	Durham, North Carolina

To find one of the licensed consultants nearest you, look for their names and contact information on the Institute website at:

<http://www.standardsforexcellenceinstitute.org>

The Institute, an operating division of Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations (Maryland Nonprofits), uses the Standards for Excellence program, a comprehensive system of nonprofit sector self-regulation as its vehicle for effective change. The Standards for Excellence program, works to strengthen the ability of nonprofit organizations to act ethically and accountably in their management and governance, while enhancing the public's trust in the nonprofit sector.