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Standards for Excellence Institute Announces 2010 Class of Licensed Consultants

April 19, 2010 The Standards for Excellence Institute®, an initiative dedicated to strengthening management and governance in nonprofit organizations, announces its 2010 Class of Standards for Excellence Licensed Consultants. The class members have completed an intensive three-day training program, to become licensed 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 Standards for Excellence certification. As Licensed Consultants, these individuals may use the Standards for Excellence training curricula and educational materials and tools nationwide, in areas where the Institute does not presently have replication partners.

Darryl A. Jones, Sr. Chief Executive Officer of the Standards for Excellence Institute said, *"We are proud to announce this newest class of Licensed Consultants. We are very excited to welcome these experienced individuals to the Standards for Excellence Institute network to help us spread this important program of ethics and accountability nationwide."*

Consultants seek to earn the Standards for Excellence Licensed Consultant designation in order to use the tools of the comprehensive Standards for Excellence program with their clients and the nonprofits they serve. *"I sought licensure as a consultant because I see great value in exporting the Standards for Excellence rubric and tools to California,"* states new Licensed Consultant Catherine Quinn. Quinn goes on to note, *"The giving public and philanthropy are both looking for increases in nonprofit transparency, accountability, and authentic board governance. The Standards provide a practical pathway to achieving credibility in this changing landscape."*

This group of individuals joins the Standards for Excellence Institute's existing licensed consultants. A full list of Licensed Consultants can be found at <http://www.standardsforexcellenceinstitute.org/public/html/LicensedConsultants.html>. The program, which dates back to the inaugural class in 2006 has grown each year.

The newest licensed consultants are:

Celeste Garcia, Washington, DC
Herman Nyamunga, Pottstown, Pennsylvania
Catherine Quinn, Fresno, California
Dr. Sylvia Ritzel, Wentzville, Missouri
Brigette Rouson, Washington DC

Dr. Lise Anne Slatten, Lafayette, Louisiana
Maria Smith, Louisville, Kentucky
Kendall Sorenson-Clark, Port Tobacco, Maryland
John Valliant, Easton, Maryland
Amanda Zinn, Owings Mills, Maryland

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New Licensed Consultant, Brigette Rouson of Rouson Associates noted, "*Through the Standards for Excellence Licensed Consultants training, I was able to gain fresh insights and practical tools to strengthen me in supporting nonprofit organizations. In challenging times such as these -- with a turbulent economy and rising demand for the work that nonprofits do -- this training is more crucial than ever.*"

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. To learn more, visit www.standardsforexcellenceinstitute.org.