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Texas Recreation & Park Society Becomes Authorized Provider of IACET CEUs

Prestigious Authorization Demonstrates Commitment to High-Quality Lifelong Learning

April 7, 2010 – The International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) has awarded Texas Recreation & Park Society the prestigious Authorized Provider status. IACET Authorized Providers are the only organizations approved to offer IACET Continuing Education Units (CEUs). The recognition period extends for five years, and includes all programs offered or created during that time.

“Texas Recreation & Park Society is proud of our education programs which serve 2,500 individuals annually, who are parks and recreation administrators and managers, park planners, recreation programmers; as well as park resource specialists, therapeutic recreation, aging specialists or citizen advocates; and provides educational opportunities in playground safety, health lifestyles, therapeutic recreation/activities assessment and intervention strategies, advocacy, management and other technical skills so that our professionals, citizen advocates and students stay on the cutting edge,” stated Dr. Michal Anne Lord, Executive Director. Lord added, “Our new partnership with IACET is a demonstration of our commitment to lifelong learning and high standards for all of our programs, and we are very pleased to join such a prestigious organization as well as an elite group of organizations that offer excellent continuing education and training programs.”

“We are pleased to welcome Texas Recreation & Park Society as our newest Authorized Provider organization,” stated Karen Brown, President of IACET and Senior HR Manager of Nuclear Power at Shaw Group in Massachusetts. Brown added, “The Texas Recreation & Park Society joins nearly 650 organizations around the globe that have had their programs vetted by third-party experts in continuing education to ensure the highest possible standards are met.”

Key educational opportunities provided by the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) includes the annual *TRAPS Institute* in cooperation with Texas Parks & Wildlife and the Southwest Region of the National Recreation and Park Association; the National Playground Safety Institute’s *Certified Playground Safety Inspectors Courses*, the annual *Therapeutic Recreation Summit* for those serving individuals with disabilities or the aging population and five regional workshops across the state, which often focus on “front-line” skills and customer service.

In order to achieve Authorized Provider status, Texas Recreation & Park Society completed a rigorous application process, including a review by an IACET site visitor, and successfully demonstrated adherence to the ANSI/IACET 1-2007 Standard addressing the design, development, administration, and evaluation of its programs. Texas Recreation and Park Society has pledged its continued compliance with the Standard, and is now authorized to use the IACET name and Authorized Provider

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logo on promotional course material. In addition, Texas Recreation and Park Society is now linked to the IACET web site and is recognized as offering the highest quality continuing education and training programs.

The *Texas Parks & Recreation Society* (TRAPS), a non-profit tax-exempt 501c3 organization with 2,000 professional and citizen-advocate members, is committed to *advancing* the profession of parks, recreation and leisure services in Texas, while *advocating* for enhanced recreational opportunities and the increase of public green space for Texans.

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PLAY MORE ... EXPERIENCE PARKS!***

About IACET: The International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) is a non-profit association dedicated to quality continuing education and training programs. IACET is the only standard-setting organization approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for continuing education and training. The ANSI/IACET 1-2007 Standard is the core of thousands of educational programs worldwide. For more information, please visit www.iacet.org or call 703-506-3275.

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