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Climate Change Expert Paul Westbrook to Visit Honduras on Behalf of ECPA Senior Fellows

Washington, D.C., 20 April 2012 – Paul Westbrook, a Senior Fellow in the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), will be traveling to Honduras from May 22 – 25, to participate in meetings and events regarding clean energy and green building, in coordination with the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa. Mr. Westbrook is a LEED accredited professional who works in sustainable development for Texas Instruments, in Dallas, where he is also a senior member of the technical staff.

The Senior ECPA Fellows program is a network of high-level technical experts in the fields of climate change and energy who travel between countries in the Western Hemisphere to consult with governments or other institutions that request them. The Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Western Hemispheric Affairs and administered by Partners of the Americas. There are currently 21 Senior ECPA Fellows who participate in these five-day exchanges in their field. The main areas of focus for the program are: Energy Efficiency; Renewable Energy; Energy Infrastructure; Energy Poverty and Access; Sustainable Forestry and Land Use; and Climate Change Adaptation. (For more information, see below.)

Mr. Westbrook has worked with a number of different teams in a variety of cultures and climates throughout his 28 years of design and operational experience with complex manufacturing facilities. Among other career accomplishments, he led the effort at TI to design and build the first sustainable, LEED Gold Certified semiconductor manufacturing facility ("fab") in the world. He won the 1996 NAHB Energy Value Housing Award for Innovative Design and was named the 2009 North Texas Municipal Water District Water Genius.

During his stay in Honduras, Mr. Westbrook will be a keynote speaker, presenter, and roundtable participant at the "Expo Contruye 2012" in San Pedro Sula, an event focusing on "Engineering with Responsibility and Security." He will also conduct a workshop with engineering students covering the latest trends in green building. On May 22, one day before the Expo commences, there will be a welcoming event open to the media.

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