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Environmental and Energy Study Institute Welcomes New Policy Director

Ellen Vaughan Brings 20 Years of Experience, Green Building Expertise to EESI

Washington, DC—The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) today announced that Ellen Vaughan has been named Policy Director. Vaughan will be responsible for developing and managing an Institute-wide effort to contribute to the design and adoption of policies that control U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, with a focus on the contribution that green buildings and energy efficient and renewable energy technologies can play.

“We are delighted to have Ellen join our EESI team,” said Carol Werner, EESI’s Executive Director. “She brings considerable policy experience as well as great knowledge of the building sector. This will be critical as EESI addresses energy and climate change challenges and opportunities in 2008.”

Vaughan brings to EESI over 20 years of experience in energy policy, building design and construction, and government relations. A former consultant and government relations director, Vaughan holds a Bachelor of the Arts in Communications from Salisbury State University, in Salisbury, Maryland, and has published articles in *Eco-Structure* and *School Planning & Management*. Previous to joining EESI, Vaughan worked for Steven Winter Associates, a building systems and architectural/engineering consulting firm. Vaughan has also done policy work for the Air Conditioning Contractors of America and the National Society of Professional Engineers.

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*The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting environmentally sustainable societies. Founded in 1984 by a bipartisan group of Members of Congress, EESI believes meeting this goal requires transitions to social and economic patterns that sustain people, the environment and the natural resources upon which present and future generations depend. EESI produces credible, timely information and innovative public policy initiatives that lead to these transitions. These products take the form of publications, briefings, work shops and task forces. EESI carries out policymaker education and analysis projects in the areas of energy efficiency and renewable energy, global climate change, agriculture, biofuels, smart-growth, and clean transportation technologies. Cross-cutting efforts are focused on alternative environmental strategies.*

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