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## **BOSTON PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER OF ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS USA RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD**

BOULDER, CO – The Engineers Without Borders USA Boston Professional Chapter has been named the 2011 recipient of the EWB-USA Premier Chapter Award.

The award was presented on Saturday, March 26, during an awards gala and reception held in conjunction with the Eighth Annual EWB-USA International Conference, which took place in Louisville, Ky.

The award recognizes outstanding EWB-USA Student and Professional Chapters who strive to meet the ideals of a successful chapter including excellence in organization, fundraising and public relations, engagement in mentor relationships with student chapters, and excellence and leadership within chapter and regional participation.

“The Boston Professional chapter of EWB-USA excels at providing mentorship and partnership with student chapters in the region,” said Cathy Leslie, Executive Director of Engineers Without Borders USA. “They lead by example with their understanding of project management and in their ability to connect and support other chapters; it is with great pleasure that we recognize them as a 2011 premier chapter.”

The Boston Professional Chapter consistently exceeds expectation in local outreach, increasing awareness of EWB-USA and fundraising efforts to support their Honduras and Kenya Programs. The Boston Professional chapter of EWB-USA, which has approximately 90 members, began in 2005. The chapter is currently working in Honduras to provide potable water to three different communities and Kenya, to design rainwater catchment devices on households to capture runoff in order to provide additional safe, reliable water sources.

"EWB-USA has enriched our lives by giving us the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people around the world, one community at a time," said a representative from the chapter at the EWB-USA Awards Gala in Louisville, Kentucky.

EWB-USA is a national non-profit humanitarian organization established to partner with developing communities worldwide in order to improve their quality of life. The partnership involves implementing environmentally and economically sustainable engineering projects, while involving and training internationally responsible engineering professionals.

**About Engineers Without Borders-USA (EWB-USA)**



EWB-USA is a nonprofit humanitarian organization established to support community-driven development programs worldwide through partnerships that design and implement sustainable engineering projects. EWB-USA members comprised of professional and student engineers or other disciplines, work with local communities and NGOs in over 45 developing countries around the world on projects such as water, renewable energy, sanitation and more. Time Magazine called Engineers Without Borders-USA the "Blueprint Brigade." EWB-USA has grown from little more than a handful of members in 2002 to over 12,000 members today and has over 400 projects worldwide. EWB-USA maintains over 250 dedicated chapters, including university chapters on 190 campuses in the United States, and has touched the lives of more than two million people. For more information about EWB-USA please visit [www.ewb-usa.org](http://www.ewb-usa.org).

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