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## Leadership Academy

APPA's Leadership Academy will be held June 11-15, 2006 at the Starr Pass Marriott Resort & Spa, in Tucson, Arizona. The Leadership Academy enhances and further develops leadership throughout the educational industry. It provides opportunities for professionals to increase their awareness of the issues affecting them, teaches them the skills they need to handle the resulting changes, and provides opportunities to explore and discover one's own leadership potential. The Academy is a four-track learning opportunity, with each track emphasizing a different perspective and type of leadership skill. For more information and to register, please visit [www.appa.org/education](http://www.appa.org/education).

## Environmentally Friendly Building Principles

Federal agencies recently agreed to take the lead in developing and maintaining buildings that show high environmental performance and demonstrate principles of sustainability. Nineteen agencies said they will commit to a memorandum of understanding developed by the White House's Office of the Federal Environmental Executive.

The agreement establishes common goals for high performance buildings. The goals are designed to reduce maintenance and utility costs, improve energy efficiency and water

conservation, provide safe, healthy and productive environments, and promote environmental stewardship. In signing onto the high performance buildings agreement, the agencies will enter a nonbinding commitment to adopt the goals and to develop implementation plans from a menu of guiding principles.

For new buildings, that includes measures related to integrated planning and design, and benchmarks for environmental performance in areas such as energy and water use. For existing buildings, indoor air quality is a major consideration, and will be addressed through specifications for characteristics like ventilation and moisture control, as well as selection of indoor materials such as paints, carpets, and furnishings that minimize indoor chemical emissions.

Agencies will be able to tailor their adoption of the buildings agreement by selecting which guiding principles to implement, and by creating their own implementation plans. This agreement comes after new endorsements for energy efficiency in federal buildings that were included in the 2005 energy bill.



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## Register for Campus of the Future

*Campus of the Future: A Meeting of the Minds* is a joint conference of three leading associations that serve higher education: APPA, NACUBO, and SCUP that will take place July 8-

11, 2006 in Honolulu, Hawai'i. This conference will provide an opportunity to explore a vision of the trends, challenges, and advancements anticipated for the Campus of the Future. An exciting lineup of concurrent sessions has been planned, featuring topics such as:

- The 21st Century Project: The Future Residential Campus
- Zero-Based Budgeting Link to Performance Driven Facilities
- Beautiful Convergence: Integrating Architecture, Art and Landscaping
- Education for Our Times: Expertise and Engagement
- How Would a Sustainable Campus Function?

And many more! Visit [www.campusofthefuture.org](http://www.campusofthefuture.org) for more information and to register for this important event!

## .edu Internet Domain Continues

The U.S. Department of Commerce (DoC) National Telecommunications and Information Administration has extended the contract granting administration of the .edu Internet domain to EDUCAUSE through September 30, 2011. The five-year contract was initially scheduled to end on September 30, 2006.

In the five years that EDUCAUSE, a nonprofit association for information technology in higher education, has administered the .edu domain, it has implemented procedures and controls to insure adherence to the DoC policy that .edu domains be assigned only to postsecondary institutions that are institutionally accredited by an agency on the U.S. Department of Education's list of Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies. Under a grandfather principle, institutions and organiza-

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tions with .edu domains prior to October 2001 have been allowed to retain those domains so long as they maintain proper administrative control.

Another provision of the contract extension authorizes EDUCAUSE to implement a procedure addressing violations of the prohibition against transferring .edu domains from one

entity to another. The DoC and EDUCAUSE expect a welcome consequence of both this and the fee collection procedures to be a significant reduction in the number of inactive and ineligible .edu domain names. Details on these and other policies and procedures can be found on the .edu administration website at <http://www.educause.edu/edudomain/>.

## National Electrical Safety Month

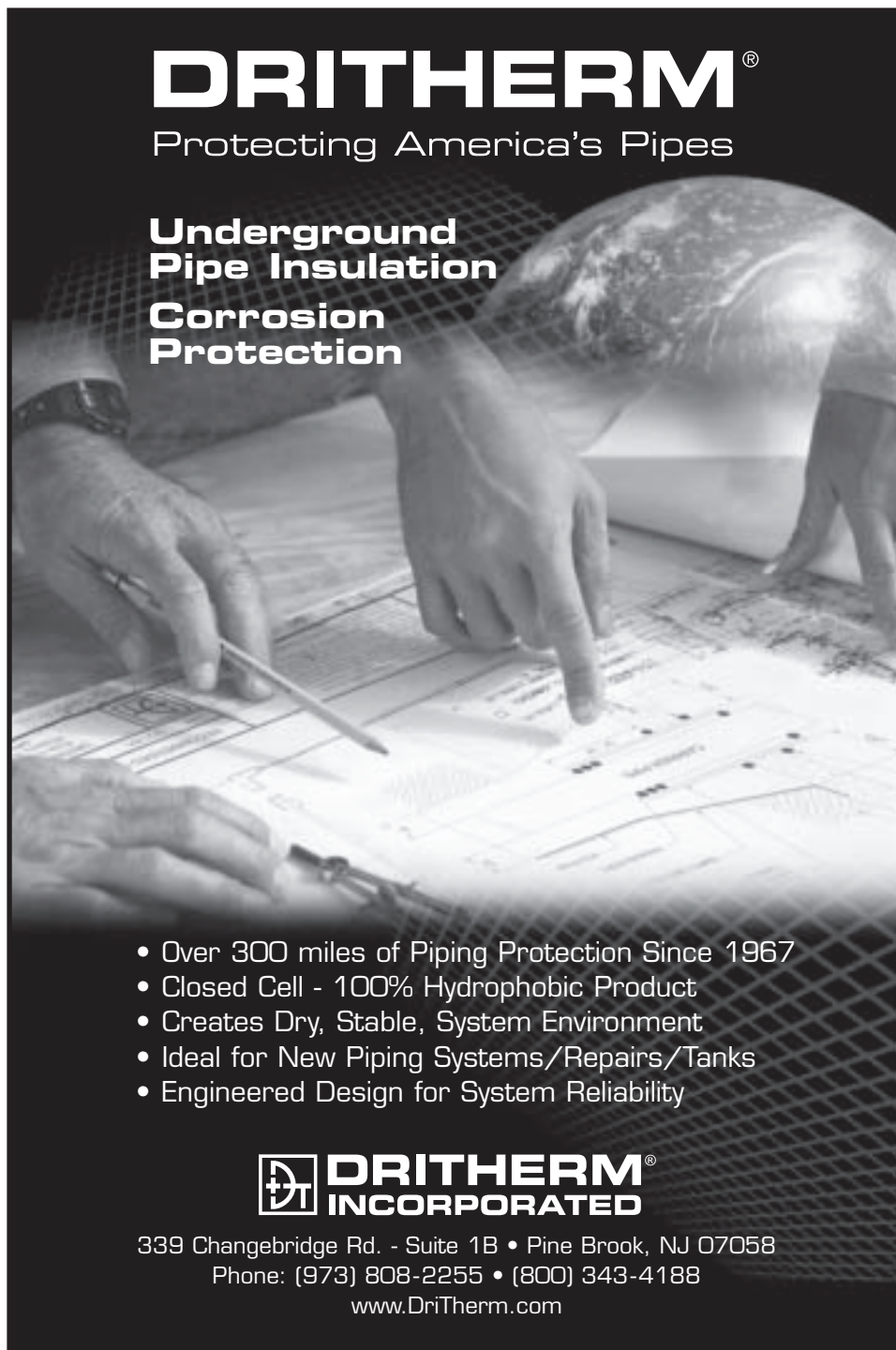
May is National Electrical Safety Month, which means that it's time to begin year-round electrical safety awareness efforts, according to the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI).

To increase electrical safety awareness at home and in the workplace, ESFI has developed an electrical safety tool kit that includes statistics on electrical hazards and recommendations to avoid electrical shock, burns, and fires.

According to ESFI, electricity kills nearly 400 people and injures thousands more each year. Most of these deaths and injuries could be avoided with an increased awareness of electrical safety, such as noting locations of power lines when working outside. Power line contact with construction equipment, ladders, and gardening tools are among the leading cause of electrocutions.

Estimates indicate electricity causes 140,000 fires each year. These fires kill hundreds of people, injure thousands more, and cost billions of dollars in property damage. Aging electrical systems, combined with the growing power demands, contribute to electrical fire hazards. Overloaded circuits, flickering lights, and discolored electrical outlets and light switch face plates, point to the need for electrical upgrades. Addressing these hazards can save lives, reduce injuries, and cut economic losses caused by electrical fires.

For more information on electrical safety, visit [www.electrical-safety.org](http://www.electrical-safety.org) or call 703-841-3229. 📞



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