



The Irrigation Association Announces James Lesher As A Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor

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Falls Church, VA, [November 10, 2005] The Irrigation Association is pleased to announce that James Lesher, of Landscaping By J. Michael, Marshfield, MA has passed the required IA Certification Examination to become a Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor (CLIA). A CLIA is involved in the analysis of landscape irrigation water use. Auditors collect site data, make maintenance recommendations and perform water audits. Through their analytical work at the site, these irrigation professionals develop irrigation schedules.

To become a CLIA, individuals must attend a course and pass a specialized exam. The IA began its certification programs in 1983 in order to provide an avenue for qualified irrigation professionals to demonstrate their experience and technical competence within and outside the industry. Exams are designed to meet standards of validity, reliability and difficulty. Certified individuals have made a commitment to professionalism in the industry, subscribing to a Code of Ethics.

The IA is the world's premier organization representing professionals who channel their expertise toward a common goal – efficient irrigation. The mission of the IA is to improve water resource knowledge and efficient irrigation practices to shape the industry around the globe. A non-profit organization based in Falls Church, VA, the IA has members and affiliates across North America and the world. The IA provides leadership and impact in legislative and regulatory areas, public awareness programs, industry outreach standards, education, professional certification, and research information.

For more information on the IA Certification Program, visit the IA Web site at www.irrigation.org, or contact Karen Koenig, Certification Manager at the Irrigation Association office, 6540 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church, VA 22042; phone (703) 536-7080; fax (703) 536-7019; email karen@irrigation.org.

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