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**“Green” Summer Youth Program is Perfect Fit to Help Municipalities Achieve Workforce Goals of Stimulus Package**

*Community leaders can rely on Paxen-Home Builders Institute initiative to quickly, reliably meet job training objectives and ensure funding continues*

Melbourne, Florida – A highly successful “green” summer youth program currently underway in numerous communities across the nation can ease the pressure city and town leaders are feeling as they work to quickly determine how to best use workforce stimulus funds made available via the American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Provided through Paxen Learning and the Home Builders Institute, ***Summer of Service*** provides at-risk youth with much-needed job skills through work readiness training and hands-on, community-based residential construction projects. The program ensures a community’s workforce is skilled in the latest energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly building techniques.

The program has been successfully offered for several years and meets the stringent workforce development and job training eligibility, performance, “green,” and deadline criteria set forth in the stimulus package. As a proven, turnkey solution, ***Summer of Service*** reliably meets the Department of Labor’s request that these funds be used in a prompt and highly effective manner.

“The ***Summer of Service*** program provides the best of both worlds—it’s a readily available solution that can be up and running in less than a month, and it offers the type of innovative, results-driven solution envisioned by federal administrators of the stimulus package,” said Todd Harrison, executive vice president, Paxen Learning. “It is crucial for municipalities to achieve a level of measurable, early success a program like ours can provide. This success can positively impact the likelihood that additional funds will be made available during the next few years.”

***Summer of Service*** is delivered by a team of professionals with more than 60 years of combined experience providing youth programs to municipalities. Paxen and the Home Builders Institute, the workforce development arm of the National Association of Home Builders, have rolled out programs ranging in size from as a little as 30 to more than 1,000 participants in locations throughout the United States. A program typically can be fully operational within 30 days.

For more information on *Summer of Service* and other workforce development and job training programs, contact Todd Harrison, executive vice president, Paxen Learning, at [tharrison@paxen.com](mailto:tharrison@paxen.com) or 321-724-4047 ext. 13.

**About Paxen Learning**

Paxen Learning specializes in developing and delivering outcome-based educational programs that build academic and employability skills for at-risk youths and adults. Each year, thousands graduate from Paxen programs on their journey toward meaningful employment. The company currently operates 25 programs in 10 states. Its clients and partners include the American Hotel and Lodging Association, Blackboard, Department of Defense, Department of Juvenile Justice, Indiana University High School, Home Builders Institute, National Guard Bureau, The Florida and Hawaii National Guards, state Departments of Labor, and local Workforce Investment Boards. The 25-year-old private, for-profit company is headquartered in Melbourne, Florida, with offices in Tallahassee, Florida, and Maui, Hawaii.

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