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Electric & Gas Industries Association names Stephen Michael Self as Vice President, Partner Relations

(Sacramento, California – July 19, 2010) – Stephen Michael Self has joined the Electric & Gas Industries Association (EGIA) as Vice President, Partner Relations of EGIA. Stephen’s initial focus at EGIA will be the further development of the EGIA Contractor Leadership Academy. Stephen will work closely with EGIA’s over 20 energy partner relationships and other affiliations to integrate EGIA’s business development and process training modules into their technical training programs.

EGIA Energy Partners include national manufacturers and regional distributors that receive an array of programs, services and tools designed to help them and their contractor networks increase sales and profitability associated with their delivery of energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions. Additionally, EGIA provides Energy Partners with its industry leading GEOSmart residential & commercial financing programs, co-branded sales support materials and in-depth training for GEOSmart authorized dealers.

“We are eager to have Stephen onboard with his direct experience in general contracting and home performance building practices,” said Bruce Matulich, EGIA Chief Executive Officer. “Stephen will help sustain EGIA’s dramatic growth in contractor outreach through our partnering relationships. Also, we expect his activities to help EGIA better serve the emerging Home Performance industry as initiatives such as HOMESTAR and Energy Upgrade California evolve.”

As owner of Sustainable Interiors in Boulder, Colorado, Stephen worked as a general contractor to integrate energy-efficiency and improved indoor-air-quality into remodeling and renovation projects with a focus on existing homes. As principal of Able Ideas Consulting in Boulder, Stephen organized and built a mentoring program for energy auditors and home performance contractors serving community non-profits, seniors and veterans. He is certified as a BPI Building Analyst, RESNET HERS Rater, RESNET Green Rater, and AIA Registered Provider.

Stephen earned a Master’s degree in Classics from St. John’s College Graduate Institute and an undergraduate degree in Cognitive Science from Pennsylvania State University. Prior to attending college, Stephen served as a United States Marine.

The Electric & Gas Industries Association (EGIA) is a non-profit organization that provides member contractors, manufacturers and distributors focused on delivering energy and water efficiency and renewable energy solutions with the knowledge, tools, training and networking that accelerate their business growth and profitability. EGIA also support utilities and government in achieving their goals related to the development of sustainable markets for energy efficiency and renewable energy products and services. For more information visit www.EGIA.org