

Industry News

GCSAA Certification Program

Since 1971, GCSAA's Certification Program has provided golf course superintendents with an established and challenging means of measuring their professional and continuing educational accomplishments. To earn the CGCS (Certified Golf Course Superintendent) designation, a superintendent must qualify with education and experience and successfully complete a written examination and an on-site inspection of his/her golf facility. Currently, there are more than 1,700 certified superintendents worldwide.

Affiliated chapters are encouraged to promote the certification program to their members. Does your chapter wish to apply for continuing education units (CEUs) or professional development units (PDUs) for an event? If so, please send your request for an application to Penny Mitchell, senior manager of certification.

Certification Attestor Liaisons

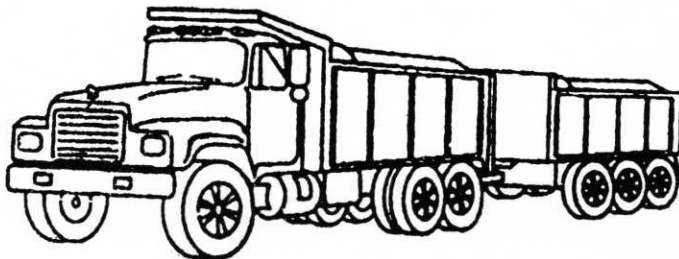
An attestor training video has been developed to help

CGCSs and certification applicants understand the process for the on-site course inspection, which is one component in completing certification. You may wish to view the video or show it at a chapter meeting. If you'd like to share a copy of the video with members of your chapter, send your request to mbrhelp@gcsaa.org. If you have questions about the certification program, please contact Penny Mitchell, senior manager of certification.

Simplot Purchases Turf Partners

Eco-Soil Systems, Inc. announced July 31, 2000 that it had completed the sale of its subsidiary Turf Partners to the J.R. Simplot Company. "To represent this union of Simplot and Turf Partners, the company's name will change to Simplot Partners," explained Nick Spardy, General Manager of Simplot Partners. "I believe that Simplot Partners will soon be known as the premier company providing a wide portfolio of fertilizer, seed, chemicals and biologicals for the turf and horticulture markets."

Chris Hoff, Warehouse Manager for Simplot Partners in Roseville, remarked, "Our office is extremely excited about this transaction. We see nothing but benefits as a result of this union. Our customers should notice little difference in our product offering and only improved customer service in the future." If anyone has questions our concerns, feel free to contact Simplot Partners Roseville office at 888-828-5354 or speak with your Simplot Representative directly.



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