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## Media Advisory

**What:** St. Louis, Missouri will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Adaptation Forum, a gathering of the climate change adaptation community to foster knowledge exchange, innovation and mutual support for a better tomorrow. EcoAdapt, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization based in Bainbridge Island, Washington, first envisioned the event and chairs the Steering Committee. The event will take place May 12-May 14, is expected to have approximately 800 participants, and is sponsored by more than 39 organizations. Complimentary registration is available to members of the working press (email [NAF2015@stiefelgroup.com](mailto:NAF2015@stiefelgroup.com)).

**Where:** St. Louis Union Station Hotel, located at 1820 Market Street, St. Louis, MO.

**When:** Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. CT – Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. CT. There will be a press conference on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the Conductor Room.

**Who:** More than 750 adaptation professionals are participating from every state in the United States, one territory, three Canadian provinces, and five countries. These registrants represent 37 percent government, 30 percent non-profit, 15 percent university research/teaching, 10 percent student, 8 percent corporate.

There will be several special releases during the forum including:

- American Society of Adaptation Professionals will release the winner for the Prize for Progress in Adapting to Climate Change highlighting the practices of leading U.S. community and organization that has reduced net losses and decreased vulnerability of natural/human systems to extreme weather events and climate change;
- Water Utility Climate Alliance (WUCA) will release two white papers in conjunction with the National Adaptation Forum featuring case studies of water utilities actively addressing climate change. These papers advance our understanding of how the relatively new enterprise of climate change assessment and adaptation practice is developing, and provide valuable feedback from the front lines of climate change planning to guide future investment in this rapidly growing field of inquiry;
- Four Twenty Seven, in partnership with the University of Notre Dame Global Adaptation Index (ND-GAIN) and with support from Business for Social Responsibility (BSR), will release the first annual report on the State of Corporate Adaptation, at the National Adaptation Forum in St. Louis, MO; and
- CRAVe – CAKE, a joint project administered by NCCWCSC and EcoAdapt, will provide users with a searchable, centralized public registry of climate change vulnerability assessments.

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