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**Leadership Louisville Center announces 2010 Bingham Fellows Topic –
Positioning Louisville as a Green Leader, Applications now being accepted**

Louisville, Kentucky (October 13, 2009) – From a call for community ideas, the Leadership Louisville Center has finalized the topic for the Bingham Fellows Class of 2010 – *Positioning Louisville as a Green Leader*. Nearly 40 compelling community issues were submitted as potential topics including themes such as immigration, library planning, urban development, historic preservation, improving highway safety, public transportation and expanded youth partnerships. After considerable research and discussion, the topic of greening and sustainability was selected to help push Louisville up the ladder as a region that values Quality of Place, which encompasses many of the topics submitted.

Applications for the Bingham Fellows Class of 2010 are open through Nov. 30 for graduates of all Leadership Louisville Center programs who want to put their talent to work alongside others who share civic passion as part of the advanced community action program, at www.leadershiplouisville.org/programs/bingham. The upcoming program year begins in January and ends in the fall of 2010 with the mission to integrate ecological principles and stewardship with community and business practices. For more information, contact Staci Marshall at (502) 561-5223 or smarshall@leadershiplouisville.org.

"Bingham Fellows teams have distinguished themselves by their remarkable tenacity and passion to bring out-of-the-box thinking to some of the region's most critical challenges," said Chris Johnson, president of the Leadership Louisville Center. "The 2010 teams have the potential to create a "green" culture – a community that understands how care of the environment creates a better quality of life."

The 2010 Bingham Fellows team will continue building on a three year focus on Quality of Place goals identified in the Greater Louisville Project. In 2008 the Bingham Fellows laid the groundwork for this theme with a spotlight on how to create strong regional partnerships. [Learn more about the regional summit planned by the 2008 class and its outcomes.](#)

A key topic from that summit was how to Create a Cool Region, one that will attract the next generation of talent for the 21st century workforce. This topic became the focus of the 2009 Bingham Fellows. [Learn about three ambitious initiatives undertaken by the 2009 class.](#)

About the Bingham Fellows

The Bingham Fellows program was created in 1988 through a \$500,000 endowment from the Mary and Barry Bingham Sr. Fund. The participants are social entrepreneurs that have both a vision and the ability to assemble the resources required to implement that vision to address obvious social needs. Over the years, the Bingham Fellows have addressed the issue of affordable housing resulting in the creation of The Housing Partnership, established a Waste Management Board in Jefferson County, marshaled the resources to build a new facility for the Presbyterian Community Center in Smoketown, formed the Regional Leadership Coalition and created a new model of leadership in our community with IDEAL Louisville.

About the Leadership Louisville Center:

Created in 1979, the Leadership Louisville Center is the region's leading leadership development and civic engagement organization. The Center strives to cross economic and social boundaries to inspire individuals to serve as catalysts for a stronger community. Dynamic programming and events develop, connect and engage leaders into action toward social innovation and a brighter future for the Louisville community.