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## **NESCAUM of Boston**

## Makes the Workplace Healthy, Comfortable, & Green!

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NESCAUM, **The Clean Air Association of the Northeast States** (www.nescaum.org), has introduced one of its most recent and fresh projects, the *Healthy and Comfortable Workspaces Initiative*. The program aims to create a green, healthy, and attractive workspace for its staff and visitors.

Administrative Assistant Wendy Roy started the venture to make <u>NESCAUM Boston's prime</u> <u>example of a toxin-free, peaceful, and constructive workspace</u>, and has since implemented the goal with the specific steps described below. Ms. Roy said, "I think the public should be aware that our indoor air quality plays as crucial a role in our quality of health as our outdoor air does."

Austin Air Systems, Ltd. delivered its environmentally-friendly indoor air-filtering units to NESCAUM, which are currently placed in strategic locations throughout the office, and AnnaSova.com is supplying the office with vegetable-based wall paint to cut down on wall formaldehyde emissions. In addition, Full Spectrum Solutions, Inc. provided full-spectrum, energy-efficient lamps to make indoor lighting easier on the eyes and the energy bill, and Bluworld Innovations, LLC donated a waterwall to support the natural décor.

NESCAUM has also been supplied with **aromatherapy oils** from *AromaWerks*, *LLC* for office fun and wellness, and has gone **fair trade** with its coffee supply, thanks to *Sweetwater Organic Coffee Company*.

NESCAUM is currently investigating the potential of creating a rooftop green garden for its office building that can help clean the outdoor air by removing pollutants and cooling city temperatures.

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NESCAUM is a nonprofit association of eight state air quality agencies in the Northeast. The organization works to create effective solutions to critical clean air issues that harmonize environmental, public health, economic, and other societal goals through cutting-edge scientific research, policy analysis, outreach, and demonstration projects.

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