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Scientific Certification Systems Celebrates Winter Holidays with Day of Service

*Local Company Works to Save the Global Environment Every Day,
Spends Today Focusing Efforts Locally*

December 11, 2009 - Emeryville, CA – Scientific Certification Systems (SCS), known for science-based environmental certification, is closing its offices today to take time to give back to the SF Bay Area community. Working together, SCS's entire Emeryville staff will donate hundreds volunteer hours as part of the company's Volunteer Day of Service. During the daylong event, volunteers will work on three projects in San Francisco and Oakland.

"While much of the country is still feeling the effects of the economic downturn, SCS is fortunate enough to be growing," said Robert J Hrubes, Senior Vice President. "We felt it was the perfect time to offer a corporate Day of Service to share our good fortune locally."

Forty SCS employees will work at a San Francisco Bay shoreline site tended by the Golden Gate Audubon Society. Volunteers will plant seedlings, pick up trash, and remove invasive species to maintain a restored 72-acre wetland. The wetland, Arrowhead Marsh, hosts some of the most significant populations of shorebirds and waterfowl in the central bay.

Another group of SCS volunteers will join in at Project Open Hand's kitchen to provide "meals with love" to people living with serious illnesses and seniors in San Francisco and Alameda County. With the support of volunteers like SCS, Project Open Hand provides almost 800,000 meals to homebound, elderly, or critically ill people each year. The volunteers will sort, cook and package food.

A third group will lend their hands to the Free Meals Program at Glide Memorial Church, which serves 2400-3000 meals each day. Volunteers will cook, serve food, and clean up after the meal. SCS staff members will also provide donated items to support Glide's programs, which provide vital support during this cold season.

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