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## PLANET ANNOUNCES NEWLY CERTIFIED TURFGRASS PROFESSIONAL

**HERNDON, VA December 21, 2009** - The Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) announced today that **Jonathan Rick, CLP, CTP-CSL**, of **Integrated Lawn & Tree Care** in **Colorado Springs, CO**, recently passed the Certified Turfgrass Professional – Cool Season Lawns (CTP-CSL) exam.

Candidates pass two proctored exams covering all aspects of caring for the varieties of turf used in cool season lawns. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices are emphasized in all facets of dealing with grass diseases and weed or insect problems. Successful candidates understand the complete process to establish or renovate a lawn including the need for aeration, dealing with thatch, and safe, effective fertilization and pesticide application.

PLANET's certification program contributes to professional growth and credibility of members of the landcare business who achieve the designation. It provides professional recognition to individuals engaged in the business of landscape contracting and lawn care. The objectives of the program are:

- \* to raise the standards of the profession;
- \* to encourage self assessment by offering guidelines for achievement;
- \* to identify persons with acceptable knowledge of principles and practices;
- \* to award recognition to those who have demonstrated a high level of competence
- \* to improve performance by requiring continuing professional development.

For more information about certification, please contact the PLANET office at (800) 395-2522 or visit the PLANET Web site at [LandcareNetwork.org](http://LandcareNetwork.org).

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**PLANET ANNOUNCES NEWLY CERTIFIED LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONAL**

**HERNDON VA May 12, 2009.** The Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) announced today that **Jonathan Rick,CLP**, of **Integrated Lawn & Tree Care** in Colorado Springs, Colorado recently passed the Certified Landscape Professional (CLP) exam.

The certification covers all aspects of working in the landscape industry. It is divided into seven sections covering sales and marketing; strategic planning; leadership and corporate citizenship; human resources; risk, law and contracts; corporate financial management and production operations/horticulture.

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