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Northern New England Recreation & Park Conference Teaches Professionals how to Respond to Changing Demographics, Cultural Shifts

Landscape Structures-sponsored keynote explores value of park & recreation professionals
Delano, Minn. (Dec. 30, 2014) — Landscape Structures Inc., a Delano, Minn.-based commercial playground equipment manufacturer, along with its New England playground consultant, M.E. O'Brien & Sons, Inc., will exhibit at the Northern New England Recreation & Park Conference Jan. 6-8, 2015, in Bartlett, N.H. The conference will feature Dr. Nina S. Roberts, professor at San Francisco State University in the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism, as the keynote speaker. This learning experience was made possible through the 2014-2015 State Association Speaker Scholarship program from Landscape Structures.

Dr. Roberts is nationally recognized for her work revolving around race, class and gender centering on use and non-use/constraints to visiting parks and public lands. Her core is also meaningfully aligned with urban recreation and parks as well as cultivating youth leaders through the spirit of outdoor adventure. Her presentation will discuss how to respond more effectively to changing demographics and cultural shifts occurring across the U.S. Additionally, she'll explore the value of the work of parks and recreation professionals in relation to the nation's political and social conditions. In maintaining the spirit of variation among delegates at the conference, Dr. Roberts will connect recreation, cultural diversity and community contributions to enhance the quality of life for all.

Dr. Roberts will present a 75-minute session on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 1 p.m. Following her session, attendees will have the opportunity to visit M.E. O'Brien & Sons and Landscape Structures in the exhibit hall to learn about the latest trends in playground design including inclusive playgrounds.

About Landscape Structures Inc.

Since 1971, Landscape Structures Inc. has been the leading manufacturer of commercial playground equipment in the world. The employee-owned company is committed to creating a better world by encouraging outdoor activities that develop healthy kids, families and communities. Landscape Structures designs better playgrounds that welcome all ages and abilities, become signature gathering spaces for communities and offer the most innovative play experiences. The company's mission from day one has been to enhance children's lives by fostering and creating inspiring play experiences while honoring the environment.

About M.E. O'Brien & Sons, Inc.

Family operated, M.E. O'Brien & Sons, Inc. is the leading supplier of outdoor recreation equipment in New England. Founded in 1929, the company continues to provide customers with high-quality equipment at competitive prices and with the top-notch service they deserve. A third generation of the O'Brien family is now providing the same quality as prior leadership, and they're constantly striving to ensure the name will be associated only with the finest manufacturers, and caring, courteous service to clients backed by undeviating integrity. O'Brien & Sons understands that the endurance of a company depends on how well it regards its customers. They require value, quality, responsiveness, courtesy and fairness, and its products and service reflect that fact.