



ZERO ENERGY COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS CONSORTIUM

Is Net Zero Within Reach?

In our first round of working group calls, consortium members started raising some key questions that the consortium will need to tackle moving forward.

- How can we expand the influence of building energy codes to improve post-occupancy compliance?
- What modeling tools are needed to facilitate an integrated design and delivery process?
- How can we ensure steady demand for a newly trained workforce?
- How do or how should individual net-zero energy buildings fit into larger urban developments to optimize energy use at a community level?

These issues and more will inform the recommendations in the CBC's two deliverables, the *Next Generation Technologies Report* and the *Analysis of Cost and Non-Cost Barriers Report*. If you want to join the discussion and aren't signed up yet for a working group, see the Updating Membership section below for how to get involved.

Working Groups Update

To date, six of the Zero Energy CBC's eleven working groups have held their first calls and meetings. These first calls served to update members on the objectives and timelines for each group, the collaborative process, expectations for members, and next steps. Thank you to those active members who participated on those calls and provided feedback and input to the chairs on their group's working process and scope. If you were unable to make a call or meeting, notes will be circulated and posted online. For a complete listing of calls and call notes to date, please visit the [CBC main page](#) or your individual [working group pages](#).

Updating your Membership

Most of you will remember what groups you've signed up for, but if you are unsure, check out the [working group pages](#) to determine which ones you are most interested in. Current members are also listed on that page, and if you don't see your name there, contact Diana Lin (dlin@ase.org) to amend your membership. Similarly, to drop off a group or to designate new or additional contacts for groups your organization is on, please notify Diana Lin and provide all appropriate contact information for the designated representative(s).

Working Group Next Steps

Looking ahead to the September 2010 deadline for the draft reports, we are recommending that each individual working group provide to their task lead their chapter by the end of August for integration. As a first step, members can provide to their chairs what they believe to be the most relevant studies, articles, and resources on their working group topic. In general, it is preferable to send links to the resource online than to send a file attachment. Once the Zero Energy CBC's file-sharing site comes online, these resources will be uploaded for all members to access. Your particular working group may have other specific actions for members to take based on your call. Please refer to your group's call notes for those items.

Working Group Membership Lists

To download a copy of your working group's membership list, you may access this [password-protected site](#) (password: netzeroenergy). Prior to using this list, please carefully review the following User Statement.

Members will only use the information in the Working Group Membership Lists document for work related to the [Zero Energy Commercial Buildings Consortium \(CBC\)](#). Soliciting or contacting other members of the working groups for private

business interests, projects, or objectives is strictly prohibited. Please review the [Working Group Charter](#) for a full description of the CBC's goals and objectives.

Commercial Building Partnerships

As part of an ongoing effort to reduce energy use in new and existing commercial buildings by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), commercial building owners, operators, and technical experts can join DOE's Commercial Building Partnerships (CBP), a sister initiative of the Zero Energy Commercial Buildings Consortium. Interested parties can get involved in one of two ways: Commercial building owners and operators can submit planned new or retrofit commercial building projects that will achieve significant energy savings by responding to the Call for Projects, and private-sector technical experts interested in helping Participants achieve the CBP energy saving goals can respond to the technical experts' request for proposals. Both announcements will be available online starting April 19, 2010 and the deadline to apply is May 10, 2010.

[See the CBC site for more information.](#)

Upcoming Industry Events

[Lighting Supplier Summit](#)

May 11, 2010

Las Vegas, NV

Department of Energy

-An event organized by the DOE, the lighting supplier summit will provide an opportunity for manufacturers and suppliers to connect with the Commercial Building Energy Alliances, which are a part of the DOE's Commercial Buildings Initiative

[Energy Efficiency Global Forum and Exposition](#) (EE Global)

May 10-12, 2010

Washington, DC

Alliance to Save Energy

[Sustainable Solutions Conference on Engineering High Performance Buildings](#)

June 8-9, 2010

Chicago, IL

Building Intelligence Group LLC and Engineered Systems

[Building Envelope Supplier Summit](#)

June 11, 2010

Miami, FL

Department of Energy

-An event organized by the DOE, the Building Envelope Supplier Summit will provide an opportunity for manufactures and suppliers to connect with the Commercial Building Energy Alliances, which are part of the DOE's Commercial Building Initiative.

[Ecobuild America](#)

December 6 – 10, 2010

Washington, DC

AEC Science & Technology

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