



ZERO ENERGY COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS CONSORTIUM

Dear Zero Energy Commercial Building Consortium (CBC) Members:

On behalf of the whole Steering Committee, I'd like to thank you once again for joining us in this effort to transform the commercial building sector.

Starting this month, keep a look out for our new monthly newsletter, in which you'll find updates on the consortium's activities and opportunities for your organization to get involved, as well as a list of upcoming industry events.

In this month's inaugural issue, we bring you a status report on our current working groups, as well as a few ideas for getting started.

Lastly, we'd love to hear what you think about our newsletter, so if you have any comments or suggestions on how to improve or what to include, please contact Diana Lin (dlin@ase.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Marks".

Kate Marks
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What's New: Working Groups Update

Working Group Recap

The twelve working groups are organized along two tracks— (1) Technologies & Practices and (2) Market & Policy—which parallel the *Next Generation Technologies* and *Analysis of Cost and Non-Cost Barriers* reports the consortium will produce in 2010.

Led by industry expert chairs, each group will work closely with the report leads to provide input, refine concepts, and review drafts.

Working Groups Launch

The Zero Energy CBC plans to launch seven working groups this month. Working group chairs for the Technologies & Practices track will coordinate activities with *Next Generation Technologies* report lead Brad Holloman, and chairs for the Market & Policy groups will coordinate with *Analysis of Barriers* report lead Dave Hewitt.

On the Technologies & Practices track, these will include:

- Building Envelope
- Mechanical Systems, Plumbing, and Controls
- Lighting/Daylighting and Controls

On the Market & Policy track, these will include:

- Codes and Standards
- Integrated Design and Delivery
- Benchmarking and Performance Assurance
- Voluntary Programs, Incentives, and Green Building Initiatives

Working Group Charter and Scopes—Input Wanted!

In the meantime, even for those groups scheduled for a later launch, we encourage members to review the draft *Working Group Charter* online to get a sense of what the objectives and expectations are for 2010.

We will soon move to a web-based, file-sharing platform to facilitate collaboration, but in the meantime, members can begin reviewing the draft scopes and current subscription of the working groups they belong to. Links to the charter, scopes, and membership lists can be accessed off the [Working Group page](#) online. Please feel free to direct suggestions, comments and questions to zeroenergycbc@ase.org.

Urban Land Institute joins as a new Steering Committee Member

The [Steering Committee](#) welcomes the Urban Land Institute (ULI) as its newest member. ULI brings expertise in land use, infrastructure, real estate and public-private practices to the table. ULI is participating in the consortium as a part of its "CLUE" initiative - Climate Change, Land Use and Energy - which is an organized research agenda focusing on emerging business practices at the nexus of land use and energy. ULI has also commenced a "City in 2050" initiative which seeks to catalyze a conversation about sustainability and market innovation as the world becomes more urbanized. With over 30,000 members in all sectors of the development industry, ULI looks forward towards leveraging the consortium's activities in the broader dialogue between industry leaders.

HVAC&R/Controls Supplier Summit

Dru Crawley, the DOE manager for the Commercial Buildings Initiative, announced the Zero Energy CBC at the Supplier Summit held on January 28, 2010 in conjunction with the ASHRAE meeting in Orlando, FL. Citing the consortium's focus on advanced technology and broad-based membership, he invited suppliers and developers to consider participating.

The next summit will be the [Renewable Energy Supplier Summit](#) on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 in Austin, Texas.

Upcoming Industry Events

[Renewable Energy Supplier Summit](#)

Feb. 23, 2010

Austin, TX

Department of Energy (DOE) and Renewable Energy World

[ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit](#)

Mar. 1-3, 2010

Washington, DC

Department of Energy, ARPA-E

[LIGHTFAIR International](#)

May 10-14, 2010

Las Vegas, NV

Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IES)

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