



## ZERO ENERGY COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS CONSORTIUM

# CBC Newsletter - June 2010

## CBC on Existing Buildings vs. New Construction

During a time when new construction is at historic lows, some might wonder what the relevance of zero energy buildings is. Is the goal of net-zero energy buildings for the entire commercial sector by 2050 disconnected from our present reality? Economic troubles aside, does an emphasis on such a long-term goal cause us to overlook significant near-term opportunities?

For the Zero Energy Commercial Buildings Consortium (CBC), our charter and long-term vision is to drive market transformation towards zero energy for the whole commercial sector. This means the CBC will always have an emphasis on new construction and its effect of pulling the entire building stock closer to zero. However, the CBC also acknowledges that the path to zero has many steps, and it is essential for us to be actively engaged at each juncture if we are to be successful in reaching our end goal.

Thus, the CBC's two major deliverables in 2010, the *Next Generation Technologies* report and the *Analysis of Cost and Non-Cost Barriers and Solutions* report, will need to highlight gaps and focus on recommendations for both new construction and existing buildings. [Read the whole article.](#)

## Working Groups Highlights

### Benchmarking & Performance Assurance

This group is looking for member volunteers to head up each of its four chapter sections: (1) Performance Measurement, (2) Benchmarking, (3) Performance Rating, Labeling & Disclosure, and (4) Performance Assurance. If interested, please contact Caroline Keicher ([caroline@imt.org](mailto:caroline@imt.org)). [See the chapter draft outline online.](#)

## Upcoming CBC Calls & Meetings

Building Envelope Call - June 3, 2010; 3-4pm EDT

[CBC Luncheon Briefing on Capitol Hill](#) - June 18, 2010; 12:30-2:00 pm EDT

## CBECs Survey - Input Wanted

The Committee on National Statistics is seeking input on CBECs. Responses are due June 7, 2010. [Read more.](#)

## Working Group Membership Lists

Access full contact lists of your fellow members through this [password-protected site](#) (password: netzeroenergy).

## Integrated Design and Building Delivery

As a first step in developing the IDBD chapter for the *Analysis of Cost & Non-Cost Barriers* report, the chairs of the group have asked members to help identify and submit information about related programs, technologies, and tools that can help the group get a lay of the land, identify gaps and develop recommendations. [View results online](#). If you haven't yet submitted any information, please take a few minutes to fill out the online surveys.

- [Submit information on Initiatives or Programs](#)
- [Submit information on Technologies or Tools](#)

## CBC Briefing on Capitol Hill

As part of the High Performance Building Congressional Caucus Coalition (HPBCCC)'s [High-Performance Building Week](#), the CBC is organizing a luncheon briefing for Friday, June 18, 2010, from 12:30-2:00pm in 2325 Rayburn House Office Building. There is still time to sign on as a co-sponsor for this event! Please contact Diana Lin ([dlin@ase.org](mailto:dlin@ase.org)) for sponsorship opportunities before June 8, 2010.

The briefing will discuss the progress to date of the Commercial Buildings Initiative from the perspectives of public, private, and nonprofit sector partners. Speakers include Jim Rannels, team leader at DOE's Building Technologies program; David Terry, executive director of the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO); Bill Sisson, director of sustainability at United Technologies Research Center; and Kevin Kampschroer, director of the Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings at GSA. Lunch is provided. [Download the event flier](#).

## Industry Events

[Sustainable Solutions Conference on Engineering High Performance Buildings](#) - June 8-9, 2010

[Building Envelope Supplier Summit](#) - June 11, 2010

[High-Performance Building Week](#) - June 13-19, 2010

[DOE Solid State Lighting Workshop](#) - July 20-22, 2010

[Ecobuild America](#) - December 6-10, 2010

[More upcoming events.](#)

**Please feel free to direct suggestions, comments and questions to [zeroenergycbc@ase.org](mailto:zeroenergycbc@ase.org).**

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