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NESEA to hold 33rd BuildingEnergy08 on March 11-13 at Seaport World Trade Center

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The NorthEast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA) will host its 33rd Building Energy Conference and Trade Show (BuildingEnergy08) on March 11-13 at Boston's Seaport World Trade Center.

Conference chair Andrew Padian of Steven Winter Associates said, "Each year, NESEA's Building Energy Conference and Trade Show brings together the country's best speakers and participants to discuss the latest innovations and results from years of experience."

The desire to build green, sustainable, and energy-efficient buildings is of major interest in many markets including schools, residences, commercial, industrial, public buildings, sports complexes, and chain stores, to name a few. There are many aspects to consider when building sustainably and BuildingEnergy08 is the place to be for learning and networking.

"NESEA is proud of its role in leading the way toward the creation of more energy-efficient buildings and the development of resources of sustainable energy for well over thirty years. No other organization can lay claim to such a long and rich track-record in the field," said Sandra Thomas, RN, NESEA conference director.

People with various interests—whether it be improving energy efficiency, utilizing renewable energy technologies in new or existing buildings, or improving indoor air quality—when it comes to cutting edge information, this is the Conference to attend. BuildingEnergy08 is recommended for architects, engineers, builders, building systems designers and owners, facility managers, climate change professionals, developers, investors, policy makers, real estate professionals, planners, municipal & building code officials, sustainability coordinators and students.

"Tools, Actions, and Solutions" is the theme for NESEA's Building-Energy08 which will feature over 150 experts in the fields of sustainable energy and green building. Full and half-day pre-conference workshop topics include:

- * High performance green schools.
- * Building information modeling.
- * Residential and commercial hot water design.
- * Daylighting.
- * Climate change for planners and municipal officials.
- * Building science.
- * Collaboration.
- * Superinsulated and retrofitting single family homes.
- * Wind and solar powered buildings.

Session track titles include:

- * Enclosures (a.k.a. Envelopes) & Energy.

- * Beyond the Fundamentals.
- * Leading in renewables: Offshore, onsite and operating.
- * Integrating good buildings & renewables.
- * Green communities: Think global, act local.
- * Health and the environment.
- * Campus/institutions.
- * Collaboration in action.
- * Existing buildings: The other 95%.
- * Residential.

David Barclay, NESEA executive director, said, "The 2008 conference has an exceptional slate of speakers and a trade show loaded with the most effective energy efficiency and renewable products available today."

The trade show is open on March 12 from 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. and on March 13 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sustainable exhibitors from across New England and the U.S., as well as international exhibitors, will fill the trade show floor with excitement and ways to reduce the carbon footprint and energy requirements of buildings. An evening trade show reception on Wednesday, March 12 is an opportunity to enjoy information-sharing and networking with professionals working on clean energy generation and green building design and construction, as well as bidding on a variety of sustainable, recycled, and green silent and live auction items.

On Tuesday, March 11, BuildingEnergy08 hosts a free public forum, "The Boston Green Tea Party: An Energy Revolution!" which will be moderated for the third year by Jim Braude, host of NECN's NewsNight. A panel of four of the top energy activists will discuss the energy revolution and take questions from the audience.

On Wednesday, March 12, Alex Wilson, president, Building Green, Inc., Brattleboro, Vt., will offer the Keynote presentation at Building-Energy08 Plenary Session. His presentation, "Integrated Solutions to the Tangled Problems of Energy, Environment, Water, and Health," will look into the challenges stemming from the end of cheap oil, water shortages, climate change, and health concerns. He will indicate how they are linked, and suggest answers to the tough questions of how to address these concerns simultaneously, not individually.

On Thursday, March 13, BuildingEnergy08 will present "Everything's Cool," a documentary film featuring prominent global warming messengers, including Ross Gelbspan and Bill McKibben. A tour of the green Seaport Hotel is also available.

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NESEA offers AIA and other continuing education credits for conference sessions and workshops. Attendees will receive a certificate of attendance only for sessions in which they sign in.

For more information and to pre-register for BuildingEnergy08 please visit www.buildingenergy.nesea.org or call (413) 774-6051.

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