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## **NESEA names Biddle the conference director for BE09**

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The Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA) has welcomed Mary Biddle as the new conference director for NESEA's 34th Building Energy Conference and Trade Show. BE09 will return to Boston's Seaport World Trade Center, March 10th - 12th, 2009.

NESEA's Building Energy Conference and Trade Show includes three days of in-depth workshops and sessions, networking, a public forum and an extensive trade show. The conference has consistently offered innovative solutions and cutting-edge advice on how to achieve major reductions in energy consumption.

For 34 years, Building Energy has been at the forefront of educating about the importance and value of energy-efficiency and renewable energy use. Building Energy 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.

Biddle has extensive event management experience as a production manager for national and international television events including the Super Bowl, NBA Playoffs, the World Series, World Cup and Olympic Games. She received three Emmy Awards for her role as a production supervisor for NBC's coverage of the Sydney and Salt Lake City Olympics. She has also completed training as a residential energy auditor.

David Barclay, executive director of NESEA said, "With her professional experience and background in sustainable energy, I have every confidence in Biddle's ability to run a great conference."

Biddle looks forward to managing an event that focuses on sustainable and energy efficient building design. "This conference is a powerful opportunity for getting all the right people in the same room. That's when real solutions start to happen," she said. "When you look at what this conference has accomplished in just the past five years, you can see the basic concepts of the building industry transforming before your eyes."

Sandra Thomas, the former conference director from 2005 - 2008, was with NESEA for 13 years. Thomas was awarded NESEA's Distinguished Service Award in 2007. Her dedication to NESEA and support of its mission helped the conference grow every year. NESEA congratulates Thomas on her accomplishments and wishes her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Early bird discounted rates are available for companies and organizations interested in exhibiting at BuildingEnergy09. Please call 413-774-6051 for details or email [exhibitor@nesea.org](mailto:exhibitor@nesea.org).

NESEA advances the practical application and adoption of sustainable and low-carbon energy practices in the Northeast U.S. NESEA accomplishes this through a number of ongoing programs and annual events including: the Building Energy conference and trade show, professional education workshops, K-12 Education programs, the Green Buildings Open House Tour, and the Sustainable Green Pages.

