

Advanced Buildings™ launches Web site, establishes community of practice

MADISON, Wis. (September 27, 2004)—The Energy Center of Wisconsin and New Buildings Institute announce the launch of poweryourdesign.com, the virtual home of Advanced Buildings™, a suite of technical resources, trainings and support materials to improve the way buildings are designed, built and used.

The Web site presents a wealth of information geared toward planners, architects, engineers, contractors, developers and owners. Attendees of the Advanced Buildings training receive special access to a secure online library containing design checklists, training materials and other documents they can adapt to their own presentations to effectively promote high performance to their clients.

Publicly available resources include sourcebooks and guides such as the Advanced Buildings Benchmark, Benefits Guide and Profiting from High Performance, as well as a showcase of profiles of high performance buildings.

Detailed design guidelines on gas cooling technologies, small HVAC systems, large VAV systems and productivity and daylighting research are also provided.

Advanced Buildings is jointly developed by the New Buildings Institute and Energy Center of Wisconsin through the support of multiple sponsors. Using whole building patterns, design process tools and educational resources, it provides designers with the resources to incorporate integrated design strategies on future projects to reduce energy usage and improve indoor environmental quality. Advanced Buildings is compatible with both LEED™ and ENERGY STAR®.

The Energy Center of Wisconsin is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving energy sustainability including support of energy efficiency, renewable energy and environmental protection. The Energy Center provides objective research, information and education on energy issues to businesses, professionals, policymakers and the public. www.ecw.org

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