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Welcome to Better Buildings by Design 2016, the region’s premier building industry conference!

Enjoy two days of interactive learning about building durability, efficiency, and value for both residential and commercial projects. This year’s conference kicks off at 8:30 am Wednesday, February 3, with “The Education of an Unlikely Activist,” the keynote address from Middlebury College’s (and 350.org’s) Bill McKibben.

More than 40 workshops will follow, in four learning tracks: Innovative Design, Commercial, Building Systems, and Envelope. Choose from a tremendous range of topics, including evaluating heat pump efficiency, learning the secrets of affordable commercial passive buildings, employing building management systems, marketing high-performance homes, using smart grid and submetering data, financing energy efficiency upgrades in innovative ways, undertaking performance window glazing in historic buildings, making HVAC system improvements via engineered retrofits, and considering organic light-emitting diode technology. Many of the sessions carry continuing education credits from AIA, AEE, BPI, and NATE, among others. In the exhibit hall, attendees can speak with more than 60 exhibitors and sponsors displaying the latest commercial and residential building products, technologies, and services. Discover cutting-edge techniques, materials, equipment, and systems for superior building performance, energy efficiency, and indoor air quality.

Award-winning design and construction on display
Winners of Efficiency Vermont’s 2016 Best of the Best Awards in Building Performance and Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®, Residential New Construction, and Commercial New Construction will be announced, and posters of the award winners will be on display throughout the conference.

General public welcome
In addition to the morning keynote, the public is invited and encouraged to attend our Wednesday evening reception. As the largest gathering of building professionals in the Vermont region, BBD is the place to make connections, investigate new practices and technologies, and begin planning any building or renovation project for 2016.

Questions?
We’re just a few steps away at the Efficiency Vermont booth, located outside the main exhibit hall.

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Bill McKibben

Bill McKibben’s work has a singular focus: Global climate change is a threat of extreme urgency and an immediate practical response to it is required. McKibben is not a person you’d expect to find handcuffed and behind bars, but that’s where he found himself in the summer of 2011 after leading the largest civil disobedience action in 30 years, protesting the Keystone XL Pipeline in front of the White House.

With the Arctic melting, the Midwest in drought, and Hurricane Irene scouring the Atlantic, McKibben recognized that action was needed if solutions were to be found. Some of those actions would come at the local level, where McKibben joined forces with a Vermont beekeeper keeping his hives as part of the growing trend toward local food. Other solutions would come from a much larger fight against the fossil fuel industry as a whole.

McKibben will reflect on these two necessary and mutually reinforcing sides of the global climate fight—from the center of the maelstrom and from the growing hive of small-scale local answers. With empathy and passion, he will make the case for a renewed commitment on both levels, telling the story of raising one year’s honey crop and building a social movement that’s still cresting.

Exhibit Hall

Stop by the exhibit hall and talk with more than 60 exhibitors and sponsors displaying the latest residential and commercial building products and services. The exhibit hall is open to the public, free of charge, on Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm and Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Beverages are available in the exhibit hall during scheduled breaks.
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**DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

**10:20 AM-11:50 AM CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

**Best Practice Designs for Cost-Effective Approaches to Net-Zero Energy Commercial Building Enclosures**

Steve Easley, Steve Easley & Associates

This interactive session is designed to sort through the myriad of insulation choices in order to choose the best insulation system for various types of structures. It will focus on the performance characteristics of new building enclosure approaches and technologies to help you create enclosures that manage thermal and moisture loads to ensure building durability as well as energy efficiency. The presenter will use real-world examples to help you select the best insulation and air barrier system for a given application and write better specifications regarding fenestration, insulation, and air barriers.

Accreditation: AEE, AIA LU/HSW, ASHRAE, CSI, LEED

**Passive for the Masses—Tunneling Through the Cost Barrier Through Innovative Design and Production Methods**

Adam Cohen, Passiv Science

The climate change emergency has made it a high priority to take high-performance buildings into the mainstream. This presentation will outline the techniques the presenter is employing to design, manufacture, and construct Passive House buildings for the same cost as (or even less than) standard code buildings. The presenter’s systems have the potential to change the way we build in North America.

Accreditation: AEE, AIA LU/HSW, ASHRAE, BPI, CSI, LEED, Passive House

**Using Standards and Technology to Create Efficiency in Energy Data Management**

AJ Rossman, Smart Resource Labs

There’s a lot of talk today about using data to optimize building comfort and save energy costs. These discussions include words such as data loggers, data standards, data protocols, data analytics… and more words, such as Haystack, Modbus, and BACnet. It’s easy to get overwhelmed unless you know the basics of the tools used for data acquisition, management, and utilization. This presentation will explain key concepts and components in the data value chain and give examples on how standards, protocols, and technology advancements are making continuous energy improvement possible.

Accreditation: AEE, AFE, AIA LU/HSW, ASHRAE, CSI, LEED

**Energy Efficiency Strategies for Complex Projects—the Case of the Waterbury State Office Complex**

Jesse Beck, Freeman French Freeman, Architects
Brian Leet, Freeman French Freeman, Architects
Chris Shumway, Rist-Frost-Shumway Engineering

After the Waterbury State Office Complex was nearly destroyed by Tropical Storm Irene, replacement space was needed for about 1,000 state employees, and all options were on the table. Presenters will discuss how smart decision making at key points in the process led to both energy and cost savings for a $125 million, LEED Gold project. The design team will discuss how their strategy evolved and adapted to changing conditions over a four-year period, with an emphasis on the initial feasibility study, their approach to campus-wide energy distribution, and the need to fine-tune individual buildings to maximize energy performance.

Accreditation: AEE, AFE, AIA LU/HSW, ASHRAE, CSI, LEED

**Multiple Measure Efficiency Projects—Maximizing Returns for Commercial Buildings**

Michelle Keller, Burlington Electric Department

Discussions of energy efficiency projects usually focus on a single system: lighting, HVAC, or building envelope. The Burlington Electric Department and a large customer instead organized energy audit results into a prioritization matrix for discussion among building owners, the maintenance team, and the occupants. Many of the proposed measures offered unanticipated synergies. The matrix provided a valuable tool with which to evaluate a full spectrum of efficiency upgrade projects, and a road map for phased implementation over time and budget cycles. This presentation will cover both the steps used in developing the matrix and preliminary results of its implementation.

Accreditation: AEE, AFE, AIA LU/HSW, ASHRAE, CSI, LEED

**The Economics of Net Zero**

John Rahill, Black River Design

When you are designing a building to power itself, the economics of how much to invest in energy-saving components is quite tidy. The economic analysis process results in the ability to identify the lowest-cost combination of elements to achieve your net-zero goal. John Rahill will explain how this analysis is an important design tool in bringing rigor to the energy savings discussion.

Accreditation: AEE, AIA LU, ASHRAE, BPI, CSI, LEED

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**KEY TO WORKSHOP TRACKS**

- Envelope
- Building Systems
- Commercial
- Innovative Design

R = Residential  C = Commercial
1:20 PM–2:50 PM CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

The Challenges of Creating the Perfect Conditions for Proper Machine Processing of Polyurethane Foam

Henri Fennell, HC Fennell Consulting

This session will introduce the most common causes of problems in field-applied polyurethane foam plastic installations and present guidelines for ensuring proper chemical processing, the most common source of problems. It will start with an overview of the parameters that the foam’s chemistry requires for proper processing, then discuss the implications of these needs on how the equipment is set up and used, and how to verify that the processing parameters are being met. We will review industry-standard quality control procedures and then demonstrate additional methods that installers can use to ensure and verify proper processing.

Accreditation: AEE, AIA LU/HSW, ASHRAE, BPI, CSI, LEED

Are You Picking Up What Your Building Is Laying Down? Getting the Vibe from Smart Grid and Submetering Data

Ethan Goldman, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation

Buildings are generating more and more data, which might contain messages about how to make those buildings more efficient… if you know how to read the code. Learn how to take advantage of new visualization and analysis tools and techniques that separate the signal from the noise in data from smart meters, energy and environmental submeters, and other sources. Find opportunities for improvement, measure the energy savings of your efforts, and verify that those savings are maintained.

Accreditation: AEE, AFE, AIA LU/HSW, ASHRAE, CSI, LEED

Making LED Upgrades Easy: Moving from T8 to LED + Controls

Eric Haugaard, Cree Lighting

Dan Mellinger, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation

Thomas Nowakowski, Eaton’s Lighting Solutions

For interior commercial lighting, T8 fluorescent has been the leading technology for decades, and LED products are only just becoming viable in this application. The process of replacing T8s with LEDs can be confusing, and the inclusion of controls only complicates the matter. This session will provide tips on how to select and specify LED lumen output for interior ambient lighting applications. Among other things, attendees will learn to compare the attributes and benefits of LED troffers vs. retrofit kits vs. tubes. We will also discuss integrated lighting controls, a recent development that makes the inclusion of occupancy and daylighting sensors simple and affordable. Manufacturers will be on hand to discuss the benefits of LED lighting with integrated control technology and to demonstrate products.

Accreditation: AEE, AFE, AIA LU, ASHRAE, CSI, LEED, NCQLP

Design Phase Commissioning— the Advantage of Quality Assurance before Construction

Matthew Napolitan, Cx Associates

Brent Weigel, Cx Associates

Design phase commissioning is more than just a requirement for LEED certification. Design phase commissioning is the foundation of a quality assurance process that aligns a building’s design with the needs of the building owner and occupants. This presentation will outline and illustrate the essential elements of design phase commissioning and how these elements support the more well known construction phase commissioning activities. Importantly, the presenters will show how design phase commissioning can help project teams manage risk, enhance project delivery, and improve building performance.

Accreditation: AEE, AIA LU/HSW, ASHRAE, CSI, LEED

Balancing Resiliency— Resilient River Apartment

Joseph Cincotta, LineSync Architecture

The resilient design movement is gaining momentum, but much is still open for discussion and experimentation. How do you weigh up-front cost against creating buildings that can withstand natural disasters? What are the overlaps and contradictions between resilient and sustainable design practices? How can rugged materials be utilized to create humane and beautiful spaces? This session will explore resiliency through a case study of our award-winning project. The workshop will begin with a presentation of the “Resilient River Apartment,” which was rehabilitated after being ravaged by flooding caused by Tropical Storm Irene. The presentation will be followed by a discussion on how lessons learned can be applied to other projects.

Accreditation: AEE, AIA LU, ASHRAE, BPI, CSI, LEED

State of the Art—High-Performance Natural Building for Cold Climates

Ben Graham, New Frameworks Natural Design/Build

Jacob Deva Racusin, New Frameworks Natural Design/Build

The natural building movement has come of age, and today’s professionally executed natural buildings—those built of low-carbon, minimally processed materials—are state-of-the-art, design-rich, well-engineered structures. Further, they can match any environmentally responsible green building in airtightness, energy use intensity, durability, and aesthetics, all while achieving reduced levels of embodied carbon and offering social benefits that are unattainable by their industrially intensive counterparts. In this presentation we will look at case studies, design details, and real-world scenarios to explore the solutions offered by the next generation of natural buildings, with a focus on cold-climate strategies.

Accreditation: AEE, AIA LU/HSW, ASHRAE, BPI, CSI, LEED

The conference provided me with access to people and organizations with exactly the information and capabilities that I was hoping to find by attending this year. I’m eager to return again next year!
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**What We’re Learning about Mechanical Systems in Low-Load Homes**

Marc Rosenbaum, South Mountain Company

How are air-source, inverter-driven heat pumps working in low-load homes? What about heat pump water heaters? And while we’re at it, how are those energy recovery ventilators performing in real installations? We will examine the performance and subtleties of all these technologies. The presenter is a compulsive measurer, and the data collected doesn’t always match the hypothesis. We’ll also take a look at the cold climate heat pump specification. Finally, for amusement, we’ll consider some data taken from some interesting outings in measuring existing fossil fuel systems!

Accreditation: AEE, AIA LU/HSW, ASHRAE, BPI, CSI, LEED, NATE, Passive House

**Is It LEDs All the Way? What Architects, Specifiers, and Installers Need to Know**

Victor Reno, RE Light Design

LED lighting has made tremendous strides in the last few years, but is it all clear and smooth sailing from now on? This presentation will discuss the status of LED lighting for the architect, specifier, and builder/installer—what is great, good, not so good, and downright bad. Are other light sources obsolete? What do the rapid changes mean for specifiers and installers? Learn what you need to know to feel relatively secure in specifying and using LED lighting.

Accreditation: AEE, AIA LU/HSW, ASHRAE, CSI, LEED, NCQLP

**Why Energy-Efficient Buildings Are Healthy Buildings**

Barry Stephens, Zehnder America, Inc.

Homes and other buildings are being built to higher standards for energy efficiency. This results in tight, well-insulated structures. With proper ventilation, these buildings are becoming the benchmarks for healthy environments. Without proper ventilation, however, they can become unhealthy. This presentation will outline research into indoor air quality and its impact on health, along with describing the positive outcomes of well-designed ventilation systems.

Accreditation: AEE, AIA LU/HSW, ASHRAE, BPI, CSI, LEED, NATE, Passive House

**Owning the Air: Controlling and Verifying Commercial Building Airtightness**

Matt Root, CLEAResult

Increasingly, organizations (e.g., the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) and building codes (2012 IECC) are implementing building enclosure airtightness performance metrics for all building types. This session will review the performance metrics associated with full building testing and describe the various protocols for conducting a building-level test. We will examine the value of these tests as well as the critical steps in the design documents development process to achieve success. Case studies from recent tests ranging up to 200,000 square feet will be used to illustrate the testing process and discuss lessons learned.

Accreditation: AEE, AFE, AIA LU, ASHRAE, CSI, LEED, NATE

**Combining Beauty, Craftsmanship, and Energy Efficiency—Presenting Three Just-Big-Enough Houses**

Milford Cushman, Cushman Design Group

Lindsay Jones, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation

This presentation will explore in depth the unique design-related and performance-related choices for 1) a log cabin deep energy retrofit (DER); 2) a new net-zero home in downtown Bristol, Vermont; and 3) a DER of a designer’s own home. We will share the owners’ unique stories of how they wished to design their homes and then to live in a healthy space that embodied their values, their lifestyle, their physical capability, and their financial capability, and how they see themselves as contributing community members.

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**LEA Lake Science Center—Preservation & Energy Efficiency**

Peter Lowell, Lakes Environmental Association (LEA)

William Turner, Turner Building Science & Design, LLC

During 2015, the Lakes Environmental Association (LEA) of Maine renovated and preserved the beauty of a historic log structure, creating a lake science research center. The building renovation included walls, roofs, and HVAC equipment. This facility will be entered into Maine’s 1,000 Home Challenge initiative, which seeks a dramatic reduction in energy usage. In this session describing the project, blower door, infrared, CO₂, and monitored energy use data will be presented.

Accreditation: AEE, AFE, AIA LU/HSW, ASHRAE, BPI, CSI, LEED

**High-Performance Glazing and Historic Considerations**

John Beeman, AW Hastings & Co

Lazarus Scangas, Arnold & Scangas Architects

This session will discuss achieving RS ratings and meeting today’s energy standards with high-performance window glazing, while maintaining the integrity of historic characteristics of older buildings. Local case studies of the Waterbury State Office Complex and the Housing Trust of Rutland County’s Shirley Farr House will be showcased to highlight how this balance is achieved through thoughtful window design and selection.

Accreditation: AEE, ASHRAE, BPI, CSI, LEED, AIA pending

**Energy Models Versus Reality—Where Did Your Savings Go?**

Jennifer Chiolo, Cx Associates

Eveline Killian, Cx Associates

Energy models are valuable tools for comparing systems, components, and control strategies. But how do models compare to actual performance once buildings are operational? Learn about common causes for deviations in actual savings from modeled projections, based on measurement and calibrated modeling of nearly 100 recent commercial and institutional buildings that included energy efficiency upgrades. This presentation will draw from studies of completed buildings to demonstrate lessons learned for design teams, owners, modelers, and efficiency program administrators.

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**Glare Matters—How to Control It**  
Donna Leban, Light/Space/Design

As LEDs have become increasingly powerful, glare has moved back into the forefront of discussion in committees of the CIE and IES, the governing bodies that write lighting guidelines. How is glare defined, why does it matter, and what can be done to limit potential problems in both exterior and interior environments, particularly for aging populations? We will look at current research and proposed IES guidelines for glare control, as well as consider how to choose luminaires that effectively diffuse LED light sources.

**Affordable Passive House Commercial Buildings—Secrets Revealed**  
Adam Cohen, Passiv Science

High-performance commercial buildings cost 10–25% more to build than conventional buildings—right? Adam Cohen of Structures Design/Build, LLC, has been designing and building commercial buildings at costs comparable to those of typical new construction and achieving Passive House-level results. This workshop will explain the basics of using Passive House design principles for commercial buildings. It will then discuss how buildings such as dental clinics and college dormitories can be built at market rates while achieving Passive House standards. Integrated project management will be covered, as will details, equipment, controls, and ways to capture money typically left on the table.

**What We’re Learning in Net-Zero Energy Homes**  
Marc Rosenbaum, South Mountain Company

We’ll look at the energy consumption by end use in a dozen or so net-zero energy capable homes, including net-zero energy, deep energy retrofit, and Passive House, annually and seasonally (and look a bit at the monitoring options used to get the data). We’ll compare that usage with production data from solar electric systems, and examine how much of the energy produced is used on site as it is produced. Finally, we’ll discuss what’s coming in battery systems and play with a new tool that looks at the effects of battery storage on energy used on site.

**Whole Building Energy Efficiency—a Look at the Energy Champ Challenge in Burlington**  
Jeremy King, Vermont Gas Systems, Inc.  
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This presentation will provide an overview of the Energy Champ Challenge, a whole building approach to energy efficiency targeting multifamily buildings in Burlington. The challenge, which is co-managed by Vermont Gas and Burlington Electric Department, starts with a free energy audit and energy coaching for tenants. Once the audit is completed and the owner commits to moving forward, the program covers up to 75% of all recommended weatherization upgrades, saving some occupants thousands of dollars. The presentation will highlight lessons learned, explain financing options, and describe Burlington’s housing stock, providing weatherization contractors with insights into how to effectively address this hard-to-reach market.

**Interstitial Cavities—Pathways to the Unknown in Your Retrofit**  
Elliott Curtin, Weatherization and Renovation of Montpelier (W.A.R.M.), LLC  
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We will explore the different types of interstitial cavities in your retrofit. We will also cover how to identify and address them correctly with diagnostic tools. These overlooked areas can be highly problematic for both homes and commercial buildings. During the remediation of a leaky building, these areas need to be addressed to reduce the symptoms they create. We will discuss the use of tools such as the infrared camera, blower door, and manometer to ensure that problems in these interstitial cavities have been resolved. This will optimize the building’s performance and reduce fuel consumption.

**An Introduction to OLEDs—the Other Solid-State Lighting Technology**  
John (Jack) Curran, LED Transformations, LLC

LEDs are the main topic of conversation when it comes to lighting. However, there is another solid-state lighting family member that is starting to attract attention. Organic light-emitting diodes, or OLEDs, are beginning to move from being high-priced novelty products to being more mainstream illumination solutions. OLEDs offer new and exciting capabilities wherein the light becomes the luminaire. In this presentation, Jack Curran will provide an introduction for those unfamiliar with the technology. Included will be a comparison of OLEDs with LEDs, highlighting the advantages and disadvantages that OLEDs offer, as well as what the future holds for this unique technology.

**Taming the 900-Pound Gorilla—Using Integrated Design to Create a Net-Zero Dining Hall**  
Bill Maclay, Maclay Architects  
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Proctor Academy, an independent school in New Hampshire, is taking on the challenge of building a net-zero dining hall. Dining facilities have large process loads, making net zero difficult to achieve. This session will explore the mechanical and energy aspects of designing an all-electric commercial kitchen and will highlight an intensive, integrated design process employed from the outset of design. Critical considerations: make-up air (the 900-pound gorilla), cooking culture, hot water approaches, and economics. Numerous options were evaluated that used comparative energy modeling and financial analysis both to achieve net-zero energy and as decision-making tools to facilitate timely, cost-effective solutions.

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- Envelope
- Building Systems
- Commercial
- Innovative Design

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11:00 AM–12:30 PM CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS, cont.

Achieving Net-Zero Energy Affordably Today—the Modular Housing Innovation Project
David Pill, Pill-Maharam Architects
Peter Schneider, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation
Many newer manufactured housing units suffer from poor indoor air quality, high energy costs, and overall poor construction quality. A factory in Wilder, Vermont, builds net-zero energy mobile home replacement units. This session will discuss manufactured and mobile homes, including financing and depreciation, attributes of the net-zero energy replacement modular home, the design and build process, and the comprehensive whole-house monitoring system. We will share detailed energy and environmental data collected from two years of occupancy. We will discuss design challenges associated with cost, prefabrication, and transportation of these units. We will also consider what is needed to bring the project to the Passive House level.

Innovative Opportunities for Financing Energy Efficiency Upgrades
Brian Buckley, Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP)
Chris Burns, Burlington Electric Department
Mark Kelley, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation
This session will focus on financing options available for building retrofits related to energy efficiency and generation. The first section will broadly survey financing options available to building owners for building retrofits. The next section will discuss the Burlington Electric Department's financing programs and incentives. The last section will discuss the varying options for financing energy upgrades available through Efficiency Vermont.

Multifamily Retrofits—the Path Forward for Multifamily Efficiency Programs
Scott Campbell, 3E Thermal (formerly Vermont Fuel Efficiency Partnership)
Christa Shute, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation
Charlie Taylor, Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP)
This panel will highlight the successes and barriers faced by two innovative organizations working to retrofit Vermont’s aging low-income multifamily housing stock. Case studies and detailed program-level savings data will be presented to provide insight into 3E Thermal’s efforts to date. Commons Energy will cover its unique public-purpose energy services company (PPESCO) approach to financing and guaranteeing energy efficiency projects. We will explore the huge opportunity to increase retrofits in this historically underserved market and identify policies for the Northeast and mid-Atlantic regions that would ensure deep energy savings and long-term program sustainability.

1:45 PM–3:15 PM CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

Evaluating Heat Pump Efficiency
Carsten Steenberg, PowerWise
PowerWise Systems is undertaking a state-funded study to evaluate the efficiency of heat pumps. In this presentation, we will explain the monitoring configurations for different heat pumps, how to ensure consistent data streams, how to use wireless communications to simplify installation, and how to calculate energy efficiency ratio and coefficient of performance.

Indoor Environmental Quality and Energy Performance of 21 Vermont Homes
Ty Newell, Build Equinox
Peter Schneider, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation
Efficiency Vermont and Build Equinox have monitored and analyzed 21 Vermont homes. Fourteen homes are identically constructed, manufactured homes that provide a rich collection of data for examining occupancy impact. All homes included in this study have achieved significant gains in energy performance relative to conventionally constructed homes while maintaining excellent indoor environmental quality. The presentation will showcase data and analyses from the homes that describe the air quality, comfort, and energy usage of the homes.

Keys to Marketing High-Performance Homes
Peter Troast, Energy Circle
The term high-performance home can mean many things to a consumer looking to build or retrofit an existing home, especially in a growing marketplace of recognizable brands, such as Passive House, net zero, and others. We’ll review how consumers identify the high-performance home, look at who is buying, and discuss how to reach the top three kinds of buyers in the sustainable building arena. We’ll also consider websites that generate leads, and review the latest trends in website functionality, from user-centric web design to compelling project case studies. You will learn what you need to bring your company to the forefront of this expanding market.

The State of the Art—Present-Day Building Automation Systems (BAS)
Rick Stehmeyer, Cx Associates
It’s 2016 and hyper-connectivity has become the norm. It’s easy for everyday professionals to lose themselves amid growing feature sets and new technologies. Rick Stehmeyer, a 12-year veteran of the controls industry in Vermont and New York City, will discuss the current landscape of building automation systems (BAS) and their offerings from a practical perspective. We’ll explore the dichotomy created by computer systems evolving exponentially over the expected life span of a BAS. We’ll also cover how to future-proof your system and avoid red flags hidden from the everyday business owner and design engineer.

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Construction Lessons Learned through DIAMOND I
Architect, Builder, and Commissioning Agent
at the Waterbury State Office Complex— DIAMOND II
3:30.pm–5:00.pm.concurrent.Workshops
Commercial Net Zero—Design &
Efficiency Vermont’s Commercial Net Zero
Pilot Program (Part 1)
Chris Huston, BreadLoaf Corporation
Bill Maclay, Maclay Architects
Ashar Nelson, Vermont Integrated Architecture
David Roy, Wiemann-Lamphere Architects
Craig Simmons, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation
Jeff Setter, Gossens Bachman Architects
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This extended session will discuss the commercial net-zero design and construction process as experienced through five projects that are currently participating in Efficiency Vermont's Net Zero Pilot Program. This is a rare opportunity to explore a wide variety of net-zero targeted projects and personalities and gain insight into the successes and difficulties of each. The presenters will provide an overview of each project, but the discussion will focus on lessons learned about designing and building for commercial net-zero performance in Vermont. Come learn effective methods for implementing commercial net zero.
Accreditation: AEE, AIA LU/HSW, ASHRAE, CSI, LEED

Better Than Before—HVAC System Improvements via Engineered Retrofits
AMPHITHEATRE
Matthew Napolitan, Cx Associates
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The inevitable replacement of HVAC equipment opens up opportunities for engineered retrofits that improve system-level HVAC performance. Learn how to take a systems-level approach to equipment replacement scenarios to reduce both the first cost and the operating cost of HVAC equipment and will see real-world examples of engineered retrofits of HVAC systems. The example projects illustrate the application of new, higher-efficiency HVAC technologies, and how these technologies can enable engineered retrofits of HVAC systems with improved life-cycle performance.
Accreditation: AEE, AFE, AIA LU/HSW, ASHRAE, CSI, LEED, NATE

How to Build High-Performance Homes for Less Than $150/Sq. Ft.
EMERALD II
Nate Hayward, Hayward Design Build
Matt Sargent, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation
Net-zero and high-performance homes are being constructed every day, and interest in these buildings is at an all-time high. This advanced session will present techniques used on dozens of projects that keep the costs down and the performance up. Efficiency Vermont has recently revised its high-performance home certification requirements in ways that help make high-performance building viable in today's market.
Accreditation: AEE, AIA LU, ASHRAE, BPI, CSI, LEED

Passive House Strategies—Outside the Box
EMERALD III
William Ryall, Ryall Porter Sheridan Architects
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The Passive House approach to energy-efficient design typically reduces heating and cooling requirements to about 20% of standard code construction. Passive House methods also tend to reduce architectural forms to very condensed, basic volumes. These effects can prove challenging to architects, who often wish to develop articulated plans, maximize balanced natural light, and create interesting architectural volumes. This presentation will demonstrate strategies and methods for opening up the Passive House to more ambitious formal and natural lighting goals that offer greater experiential and aesthetic opportunities for designers and occupants.
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