

# BCAP Newsletter

Dedicated to the adoption, implementation, and advancement of building energy code



## Fall 2011 Edition

Welcome to another issue of the **BCAP Newsletter**, a brief summary of happenings at the Building Codes Assistance Project and building energy code progress around the nation.

As always, we appreciate the support and collaboration of our many friends and allies. We are looking forward to our continued collaboration with all of you.

Cheers!

– the BCAP Staff

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## New Executive Director: Maureen Guttman

BCAP is delighted to introduce Maureen Guttman as the new BCAP Executive Director and Senior Director of Building Programs. Her impressive background includes an architecture practice, extensive involvement in buildings energy and codes policy at the state level, and active engagement in the ICC process as part of the IGCC committee.



She has long been a fan of BCAP and is incredibly excited to be able to join and lead our effort – and to work with our talented staff in DC and in the field.

## Recent and Upcoming Events

### Austin, TX

Oct. 3 – Video Training strategy meeting at Apple Energy Training Center

Oct. 4 – Video shoot of TX residential and Commercial Training modules for online streaming.

Oct. 4 – Train the trainer with Apple training staff at Apple headquarters

Oct. 5 – Present Residential ½ day and Commercial ½ day at Goodwill Training Center.

### Providence, RI

Oct. 18-19 - Workshop on Economic Development in the Clean Energy Sector: Northeast & Midwest States

## Consumer Union Partnership

We are excited to announce the new partnership between BCAP and Consumers Union. Through our combined efforts, we aim to educate the public on the impact of home energy use, how energy codes improves home energy performance, and – most importantly – the actions consumers can take to save energy and money.

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Energy Code Awareness Campaign

Brought to you in partnership with **ConsumersUnion.org**  
Nonprofit Publisher of Consumer Reports

Through this partnership we hope to increase the consumer awareness surrounding energy codes and empower people to be effective energy efficiency advocates. We recently published tools and resources that provide consumers with information about energy codes and **checklists** homeowners and buyers can use to identify whether the construction being performed on their house meets their state's energy code requirements. These resources can be found on both the BCAP website **OCEAN** as well as the **Consumer Reports Greener Choices** site.

The primary goal of this project is to encourage consumers to support energy codes. Both BCAP and Consumers Union believe interacting with the public is critical to attaining tangible improvements in home energy use through the adoption of stronger energy codes.

## Recent Travel

Paul Karrer, Maria Ellington, Mark Lessons, and Matt Kerns at the MEEA Energy Codes Conference in Chicago, Ill on Oct. 5-6, 2011.

## Energy Code Champion: Harry Misuriello



Harry Misuriello has invigorated the energy efficiency world for many years and personifies the role of Energy Code Champion.

Harry has been in the energy efficiency business for more than 35 years as a consulting firm executive and as an energy efficiency advocate. He can often be found running campaigns behind the scenes and lining up advocates and support materials. And of course, at a moment's notice, Harry will step up to a microphone and deliver on-target pro-efficiency and pro-America comments. The improvements in energy codes today are in large part due to Harry's persistence at national and state levels.

Harry is currently a Visiting Fellow at ACEEE, where he has served since 2008. At ACEEE, he consults with and advises ACEEE on strategies to increase the level of energy-efficient new residential and commercial construction nationally and regionally through development, adoption, and enforcement of building energy codes.

Read more more about [Harry Misuriello](#)



Topeka Energy Star Expo attended by Paul Karrer on Sept. 29-30, 2011.

## BCAP's Compliance Planning Assistance Project (CPA)

In response to unprecedented federal Recovery Act funding, states are working hard to adopt and implement the model energy codes and achieve 90 percent compliance by 2017. BCAP's Compliance Planning Assistance (CPA) Program provided 15 Phase I states with on-the-ground assistance to assess the current gaps in enforcement and compliance. Working with ten Phase II states, BCAP is now developing practical, targeted action plans that meet federal goals while accommodating state and local needs and concerns.



Throughout the process, BCAP will speak with key stakeholders and conduct extensive information gathering. Our in-depth research and analysis of the situation on-the-ground will enable us to deliver targeted recommendations and data that accommodate state-specific needs and circumstances and meet reporting requirements. The CPA Program will also help participating states navigate the wide array of federal and regional resources and services available, choosing the best fit for each state.

Learn more about state specific [CPA Programs](#).



Interested in seeing where the BCAP team has been traveling? Check out the ['Where is BCAP?'](#) map on OCEAN.



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