

# BCAP Newsletter

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



## Winter 2012 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 continued collaboration with you to improve the energy efficiency of buildings across the country.

Cheers! – *the BCAP Staff*

## Collaboration Agreement - DOE/BCAP/REEOs

On Nov. 9 and 10, BCAP met with representatives from DOE, PNNL and the Regional Energy Efficiency Organizations (REEOs) to discuss how all the groups can better work together. With the common goal of advancing building energy codes across the country and continuing adoption support, the meeting centered around developing a collaboration agreement that will help all stakeholders understand their roles and ensure that communication between all organizations remains fluid and prompt. BCAP looks forward to publishing this agreement when it is finalized and is honored to be working alongside such distinguished partners.



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## Where is BCAP?



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## BCAP-OCEAN User Survey - \$25 Gift Card



Please help us in our continued effort to ensure that OCEAN is serving all users to the best of its capability by filling out this **5 minute survey** found [here](#). Additionally, all participants will be entered into a raffle to win a **\$25 Amazon.com** gift card. Don't miss out!

Access and complete the [User Survey](#)

## Recent Travel

**Jan. 10** - Brian Sernulka and Paul Karrer spoke in the West Virginia House chamber about the benefits of the 2009 IECC (see below)



**Jan. 18** - Paul Karrer and Matt Kerns attended the Bring it Home Symposium in Oklahoma City, Okl. (see below)

## Energy Code Champion: Maire Claire Voorhees



BCAP is proud to announce Maire Claire Voorhees as this quarter's BCAP Energy Code Champion. Maire Claire has worked very hard over the last year on New Mexico's compliance with the national model energy codes.

In her current position, Maire Claire served as New Mexico's Regulation and Licensing Department's Green Building Coordinator under the Office of the Superintendent in 2011. In this post, she was instrumental in supporting the state's energy code adoption and implementation activities. With considerable effort, Maire

Claire organized an unparalleled statewide NMECC training program and created code books that included the state enhancements. Read more about [Maire Claire Voorhees](#)

## BCAP Seeks State Partners To Receive Consumer Outreach Assistance

This year, BCAP kicks off a new effort to educate homeowners and home buyers on the benefits of energy codes. Working with national, state, and local partners, BCAP will raise consumer awareness to increase support for energy codes. Examples of specific services BCAP could provide include: customized, co-branded consumer materials for distribution by local jurisdictions and the state, cost-analysis information using state-specific data, and media outreach to garner earned media. BCAP is seeking up to four states and four local jurisdictions interested in receiving support.



Get [more information](#) or contact Kelly Guhanick at [kquhanick@ase.org](mailto:kquhanick@ase.org)

## BCAP Seeks State Partners To Receive Compliance Coalition Assistance

Many states have adopted more modern energy codes, but are struggling to provide the requisite training, enforcement, and other support needed to fully implement and enforce the code. BCAP has funding to work with up to six states to develop statewide "Compliance Coalitions" to assist states in their effort to implement and enforce their newly adopted energy codes. BCAP may provide this type of assistance to states: assisting states in determining potential collaborative members, reaching out to them to solicit their participation, organizing initial meetings, and working with the collaborative for the duration of this project to help determine their needs.

Get [more information](#) or contact Maria Ellingson at (419) 724-4571 or [mellingson@ase.org](mailto:mellingson@ase.org).

## EE Global 2012 - Orlando, Fla.

Much more than a policy conference, technology exhibition, or networking opportunity, EE Global is the one event for energy efficiency leaders from over 40 countries to interact with dozens of organizations and policymakers to share best practices and create lasting partnerships. Join hosts Alliance to Save Energy and Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance March 27-29, 2012 at the Peabody Resort in Orlando, Fla., and benefit from all EE Global has to offer.



[Lean more and register](#)

## BCAP 2011 Stakeholders Meeting

The entire BCAP staff convened to host the organization's 17th Annual National Energy Codes Stakeholder Meeting in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 8, 2011. The event drew over 45 attendees for all sections of the energy code policy universe, including: REEOs, national advocates, trade organizations, environmental nonprofits, and major funders from DOE, Energy Foundation, and SeaChange Foundation. Presentations highlighted BCAP's advocacy coordination with the REEOs and DOE, the completion of BCAP's CPA Program, and ongoing outreach through the BCAP Consumers Energy Code Awareness Campaign.

[Full listing of the slides from the presentations.](#)



**Jan. 25** - Brian Sernulka testified in front of the South Carolina House of Representatives in favor of the 2009 IECC. The bill passed through House and Senate subcommittees unopposed.

## BCAP Promotions

BCAP is proud to announce that six members of our team recently received promotions and have newly appointed titles.

**Cosimina Panetti** – Senior Program Director

**Eric Plunkett** – Senior Associate

**John Miller** – Project Manager

**Kelly Guhanick** – Project Manager, Research

**Mark Lessans** – Senior Associate, Technical Outreach

**Paul Karrer** – Project Manager, National Advocacy

[Please click here for a full staff listing and biographies](#)

## Events Calendar

### Upcoming Events

[Jan. 31 - Better Buildings: Better Business Conference, Schaumburg, Ill.](#)

[Feb. 8 - Energy Modeling for Code Compliance and High Performance Buildings, New York, N.Y.](#)

[Feb 27.- Mar. 2 - EduCode 2012, Las Vegas, Nev.](#)



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