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GEO and CORE partner up to discuss The Occupant Factor 201

Your building is only as 'High Performance' as its occupants. But how do you get a handle on the human behaviors that impact energy consumption within the space? "Beyond the Building: The Occupant Factor 201" delves into the mysteries of the living, breathing, window-opening people. A designer, professor and anthropologist uncover the factors that drive individuals to work with, or against, their surroundings to conserve energy.

From the design process to post-occupancy evaluations and occupant training, this free 90-minute workshop hosted by the Governor's Energy Office High Performance Building Program and CORE will cover the basics of human behaviors within buildings, design strategies, post-occupancy evaluations and advanced planning.

Date & Time: Monday, June 27, 2011; 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Denver Place

999 18th Street, Suite 215, Denver, CO

For more information and to register, please visit our Registration Page

Wind for School Grants Available

The Governor's Energy Office (GEO) is looking to provide funding to rural Colorado K-12 schools that are interested in installing a Southwest Windpower Skystream 3.7 wind turbine on school grounds as part of the Wind for Schools (WFS) program. This program also provides access to curricula to help teachers at the schools teach about wind energy in their classrooms. The Colorado Wind Application Center at Colorado State University (CSU WAC) is teaming up with GEO and will be responsible for the application and award process. Applications are accepted on a rolling schedule and will be reviewed at the end of each month. Applications must be received by the COB on the 20th of each month to be considered for review in the current month. Applications will be accepted until **September 20, 2011** or until all of the funds are awarded, whichever comes first. It is expected that the successful applicants will be informed within two weeks with the expectation that the siting, planning, and permitting phases will begin during the summer and fall 2011. **All grant funds must be spent by December 31, 2011**.

Applications will be considered from rural schools in areas of Colorado that can demonstrate sufficient wind and support for the project from their district, teachers, students, and community. Specifically, applications are requested from schools in areas with a **Class 2 (Marginal) wind or better**.

If your school is interested in this program, please visit our Website, for detailed information about the application and award process.

Register for June 16: What's Next in High Performance Building

The GEO's High Performance Building Program takes a look towards the horizon of green building practices and trends. This free 90 minute webinar will outline the next waves of development in this ever-changing arena.

Architects, Building Owners, MEP Engineers, Sustainability Consultants and Contractors are encouraged to attend.

Date & Time: Thursday, June 16, 2011; 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. MDT

For more information and registration, please visit our Registration Page

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June 30: Day-Long Series of Workshops in Aspen

The GEO's High Performance Building Program presents a FREE day-long series of workshops. The topics of the four sessions during the day will be: Day lighting, Envelopes & Energy, Practically Zero, and Geoexchange. Each session will run between 1.5 and 2 hours with a 30 minute break between sessions and a 1.5 hour lunch on your own.

For more details on each workshop, please follow the corresponding registration links below.

Date & Time: Thursday, June 30, 2011; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: Colorado Mountain College

255 Sage Way

Aspen, CO 81611-2516

Workshop Registration

Map of Colorado Mountain College

Summer Energy Workshop

Summer is approaching. Beat the heat without breaking your bank! Come to a **FREE** Energy Savers workshop and learn low-cost energy-saving tips. The workshop is directed to those 55+, but all ages are welcome to attend. Receive planning tools, printed material on cutting energy use and a **free compact fluorescent light bulb!** Learn about programs for low-income energy assistance, subsidized home energy audits, weatherization and insulation programs.

Pre-registration required no later than a day ahead of the workshop by calling 303-739-7483 or 303-429-5792 or e-mailing bgoebel@coipl.org . Please leave workshop date, name, phone number, and number in party attending. We reserve the right to cancel workshops with fewer than five people signed up, so bring friends. The workshop is presented by Colorado Interfaith Power and Light (www.coloradoipl.org). Funding for the workshop is provided by the Governor's Energy Office and matching donations.

Upcoming Events

6/7/11 - 6:00 pm - Energy Savers Workshop - Aurora Municipal Center

Denver, CO

6/21/11 - 1:00 pm - Energy Savers Workshop - Health Passport Office

Denver, CO

7/25/11 - 8/04/11 - Clean Energy Teacher Training - Colorado State University

Various, CO

May - August Solar Training - Solar Hot Water Design, Natural Building, Passive Solar

Crestone, CO

Ongoing - Executive MBA Classes at CU, Denver - Upcoming class 2011 - 2013

Denver, CO

Ongoing High Performance Building Workshops and Webinars

Denver, Colorado

Ongoing SEI workshops - Building for the Future: Sustainable Home Design Online

Ongoing Sustainability Series Meetings - Tuesdays @ 6 p.m. WynkoopOngoing Solar Energy International's Renewable Energy Education Workshops

Denver, CO

For more information go to Events Calendar.

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