

## Keynote Speakers: Great Plains Energy Codes Conference



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Jeremy has been a member of USGBC's Advocacy & Policy Team since early 2007, where he has invested much of his time elevating USGBC's focus and profile on greening the building codes. In his work with building science and regulatory experts across the country, Jeremy has worked strategically on green building code development, adoption and implementation in local, state and national forums. His work was critical to the landmark partnership between a host of building industry organizations on the International Green Construction Code and Standard 189.1. Jeremy works closely with myriad well-established building energy code organizations, continually advancing a more integrated approach to sustainability through building regulatory reform. He has charted USGBC's work on greening the building codes, was a key contributor to EPA's Sustainable Design and Green Building Toolkit, and is published in the ASHRAE Journal. Jeremy also serves as USGBC's staff liaison to the USGBC Codes Committee. In addition, Jeremy manages USGBC's grassroots advocacy network across all 50 states and nearly 80 chapter organizations to advance USGBC's mission of green buildings for all within a generation. In his work in state capitals and countless local jurisdictions, Jeremy makes connections where they matter most – between lawmakers and green building experts in their communities. Prior to joining USGBC, Jeremy was a project manager for altPOWER, Inc., a renewable energy contracting firm in New York City, where he interfaced with developers, contractors, building officials and inspectors, building owners, and oversaw the installation of over 1.5 MW of photovoltaic projects. He also taught English in French Guiana, and French at his alma mater in St. Louis. Jeremy earned his bachelor of arts in political science and French from Washington University in St. Louis.

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Chris Baker, an Energy Analyst at The Weidt Group, focuses on providing data and analysis to help design teams understand the energy and environmental implications of various design options utilizing DOE-2 modeling. In addition to his project work, Mr. Baker contributes to the firm's presentations and white papers, such as "Modeling Protocol for Early Energy Design Decisions," which he presented at the SimBuild 2010 conference. Since joining The Weidt Group in 2006, Mr. Baker has consulted on projects totaling more than 5 million square feet, including seven LEED Certified projects and over 20 LEED Registered projects. Mr. Baker received an MBA from the University of Minnesota and a Bachelor of Architecture and Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering with an HVAC emphasis from the University of Kansas. He is a Registered Architect, a Professional Engineer, a LEED Accredited Professional, and an ASHRAE certified Building Energy Modeling Professional. Mr. Baker is a member of the Minnesota Environmental Initiative's 1.5% Codes and Standards working group, advising the State on how to reduce its energy use by 1.5% per year, and he is also a member of the Zero Energy Consortium's Integrated Design Working Group: [www.zeroenergycbc.org](http://www.zeroenergycbc.org).



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else it may affect in construction, ecosystem and business. Mr. Belcher serves as Co-Chair of the National Association of Home Builder's Green Building and Energy sub-committee and serves on NAHB's Construction Codes and Standards committees. He is an approved trainer for NAHB's Advanced Building Science and Green Project Management designation program. Mr. Belcher was appointed by the International Code Council (ICC) to serve on the Energy and Water committee for the development of its new International Green Construction Code and was recently appointed to ICC's new Residential Energy Committee. He has also lent his expertise to lobby and advise on energy and green building legislation and building codes, advising on managing legal risks associated with green building, assisting in developing green building programs, and educating and promoting building practices and processes shown to create/ retrofit buildings and developments that are safer, more durable and efficient. Mr. Belcher was recently appointed as Director of the High Performance Building Research Center of the University of Missouri's Midwest Energy Efficiency Research Consortium. Mr. Belcher has testified before the U.S. Congressional Energy & Commerce Committee on the process and benefits, including climate benefits of energy efficiency in residential construction.



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David Eijadi, FAIA, is a Principal at The Weidt Group who directs the firm's Design Assistance services for high performance buildings. He is a LEED Accredited Professional with over 30 years of experience. Under his direction, Energy Design Assistance (EDA) programs have influenced more than 176 million square feet of construction, which reduces carbon emissions by over 708 Kilotons while saving building owners and operators more than 72 million dollars annually. The EDA process has received honors both nationally and internationally, including special recognition from the European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ECEEE). Mr. Eijadi's work includes the Minnesota Sustainable Building 2030 (SB 2030) project, for which The Weidt Group developed baseline building models—tailored to the needs of Minnesota buildings—that mirror the national Architecture 2030 Challenge. The SB 2030 models are enhancements to ENERGY STAR® and a continuation of the State's B3 project. Mr. Eijadi holds several patents in the fields of lighting and daylighting and has received numerous awards for design and innovation. He has co-authored building design guidelines, including the International Program for Measurement and Verification Protocols (IPMVP) for New Construction and the State of Minnesota's Building Design Guidelines (B3). He is a frequent, nationally-recognized presenter on the subjects of integrated design, energy and daylight modeling, and the LEED Green Building Rating System™. Among his many roles, Mr. Eijadi is Past Chair of the Board of Directors for the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance and has also served on the boards of the USGBC-Minnesota Chapter and the IESNA Committee for Daylighting Metrics. He is currently the 2012-2015 AIA Regional College of Fellows representative for the North Central Region. Mr. Eijadi received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Minnesota.



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As the Omaha City Planning Director from June of 2005 until his retirement in August of 2009, Mr. Jensen managed a department with a staff of 116 people and an annual budget of \$12 million. In his position as Director Mr. Jensen was responsible for administering the City's long-range planning, current planning, annexation, capital improvement, housing and community development, economic development, code enforcement, permitting and inspection activities. During his 34+ years with the Omaha Planning Department Mr. Jensen also held a number of other positions including 14 years as Assistant

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Kristi Wamstad-Evans, LEED AP BD+C, BPI Building Analyst and Envelope Specialist, became the City of Omaha's first Sustainability Coordinator in September 2009. In this position, Ms. Wamstad-Evans has managed a variety of efforts, including coordinating implementation of the City's comprehensive sustainability vision, called the Environment Element, and overseeing \$14 million in grant-funded project work, primarily focusing on energy efficiency and conservation. She recently completed all work for the \$4.3 million Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, which included the development of the City's first Comprehensive Energy Management Plan and several upgrade projects to City facilities and street lights. She also administers the reEnergize Program, a \$10 million dollar incentive-based program to build the energy efficiency market in Omaha and Lincoln. Ms. Wamstad-Evans draws upon 20 years of experience developing sustainable solutions as an organizer and business leader at the local, national, and international level. Prior to joining the City, she was the National Sustainable Solutions Program Coordinator for HDR, Inc. Ms. Wamstad-Evans holds a Master's Degree in Planning from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and dual Bachelor's Degrees in Biology and Environmental Studies from the University of Colorado-Boulder.



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