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VARIETY OF TOPICS FOR ENERGY CODES CONFERENCE **October 16-18 in Omaha**

Lincoln, NE – Those attending the Great Plains Energy Codes Conference in Omaha October 16-18 will be able to choose from a varied list of sessions that fit their areas of interest: how to apply the code, beyond code programs, Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning design, how to advocate for the code and how to enforce the code.

- Many homebuilders are unsure about the how and why of envelope and duct air-tightness testing as required by the 2009 International Energy conservation Code (IECC). Matt Vande and Amy Musser of Vandemusser Design will review common methods, equipment, cost and training options in relation to the testing.
- Ray McGowan of the National Fenestration Rating Council will discuss how a code official can determine if the ratings for a commercial window meet the U-factor and SHGC as required by the 2009 IECC and ASHRAE 90.1.
- Energy analysis software can be a useful tool for new construction and the retrofit markets for engineers and contractors. Energy analysis tools can allow quick and accurate evaluation of different energy saving options. Jonathon Spreeman of Trane, Inc will address how Trane TRACE 700 can help.
- The missing stakeholder in the energy code adoption process is the consumer, but how does that group feel regarding energy codes? Maria Ellingson of the Building Codes Assistance Project and Kristi-Wamstad Evans with the City of Omaha will discuss studies done to measure consumer's knowledge and attitude regarding codes and outreach efforts as a result of the studies.

Registration and additional information about the Great Plains Energy Codes Conference is at: <http://www.neo.ne.gov/codesconf/>

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