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### **ENERGY CODES CONFERENCE INCLUDES WELL-KNOWN SPEAKERS**

Lincoln, NE - Several nationally-known speakers will highlight the Great Plains Energy Codes Conference October 16-18 in Omaha. The conference will focus on innovative ideas for code compliance and higher code standards in residential, commercial, advocacy/compliance and heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

### **KEYNOTERS**

**David Karmol**, Vice President Federal and External Affairs, The International Codes Council, will speak on how building energy codes have emerged as a growth area providing opportunities across the housing and building sector, with benefits for consumers, realtors, builders and utilities.

**Kym Carey**, Building Energy Code Deployment Manager, US Department of Energy Building Technologies Program, will discuss an increasing focus on building energy use at the national, state and local level that continues to challenge not only the building industry in particular, but the US population at large.

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**Matt Belcher**, Principal/Director-High Performance Building Research Center, Verdatek Solutions/University of Missouri is an experienced and nationally-recognized builder and consultant on the subject of high performance “green” building. He has been actively involved in the construction industry for three decades, and serves as Co-Chair of the National Association of Home Builder’s Green Building and Energy sub-committee. Belcher will advise how builders can take advantage of the rapidly growing market of “going green” in remodeling and retrofits of buildings, and how quality management, best practices and the “above code” process can expand markets in a recovering economy.

**David A. Eijadi, FAIA, LEED® AP BD+C**, Principal, The Weidt Group, directs Design Assistance services for high performance buildings. He is a LEED Accredited Professional with over 30 years of experience. His work includes the Minnesota Sustainable Building 2030 (SB 2030) project, for which The Weidt Group developed baseline building model that mirror the national Architecture 2030 Challenge. Eijadi holds several patents in the fields of lighting and daylighting and has received numerous awards for design and innovation. He will present the process for designing a market-rate net zero building and the design process for performance day lighting in net-zero energy and LEED® platinum buildings.

**Eric Makela**, Partner, Britt Makela Group, will present a session on RESCheck and the difference between the 2009 and 2012 International Energy Conservation Codes for commercial building design. Makela’s building energy codes expertise spans 25 years, numerous states, and several foreign countries. He served on the ICC IECC Code Development Committee for four cycles. He was a recipient of the 2009 Jeffrey A. Johnson Award and was the 2008 Canyon County Habitat for Humanity Volunteer of the Year.

**Darren B. Meyers, P.E.**, President, International Energy Conservation Consultants, is a building systems engineer with more than 20 years of industry experience including 16-years as Technical Director of Energy Programs with the International Code Council. At ICC, Darren directed the Code Council’s organizational priorities on building energy programs. He will present several sessions on heating, ventilation and air conditioning sizing including ASHRAE 62.2, Manual-J sizing and Manual-S sizing.

**Information on all presenters and registration for the Great Plains Energy Codes Conference is at:**  
**<http://www.neo.ne.gov/codesconf/>**

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