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**18<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BUILDING COMMISSIONING**  
***Optimizing America's Buildings Could Save \$30 Billion in Energy Costs by 2030***

PORTLAND, Ore. – April 7, 2010 – On May 25 and 26, 2010, the building commissioning industry's top leaders will gather in Chicago for the 18<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Building Commissioning (NCBC) to explore the latest trends in this burgeoning field. NCBC is the industry's premier conference; more than 40 speakers and 400 attendees are expected to attend. Registration is now open, and people can sign up at [www.peci.org/ncbc](http://www.peci.org/ncbc) for a discounted price through April 30.

Commissioning—ensuring that buildings operate at peak performance—may be the single-most cost-effective strategy for reducing energy, costs and greenhouse gas emissions from buildings. It also has the potential to create thousands of new green-energy jobs—all hot topics in these days of economic recovery, when energy and cost savings are more important than ever. A recent report by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory found that commissioning all of America's nonresidential buildings—an ambitious but achievable goal—could deliver \$30 billion in energy savings by the year 2030.

Efficiency. Persistence. Performance. All are key issues in the commissioning industry, and they form the theme of the 2010 conference. This year's event will look at the industry's successes and consider the future of building commissioning within the context of a tough economic climate and rising concerns about energy use.

NCBC 2010 offers something for all industry players—from design experts to building owners and facility managers. Sessions include advanced technical topics such as variable-flow chillers and open-protocol automation systems, as well as details on innovative new calculation tools being used in the field. Speakers will share case studies and best practices, and participants will learn about the critical roles of the owner and operator in commissioning. Finally, attendees will get high-level insights into market trends—for example from utilities implementing large-scale commissioning programs. The full conference agenda can be viewed online.

In the Midwest, commissioning is growing by leaps and bounds, with major utilities such as ComEd now offering comprehensive retrocommissioning programs – this is the application of the commissioning process to existing buildings. ComEd's Smart Ideas Program and Illinois Clean Energy are major sponsors of NCBC 2010.

PECl, the conference host and organizer, is a registered provider with the American Institute of Architects' (AIA) Continuing Education System program. Conference attendees may receive education credits based on their session attendance.

SSRCx is the conference Global Green Sponsor working with NCBC to ensure the conference manages resources responsibly. NCBC is also proud to offer carbon offsets to conference attendees.

For more information on NCBC, including details on sponsoring and exhibiting at the conference, visit [www.peci.org/ncbc](http://www.peci.org/ncbc).

#### **About ComEd**

Commonwealth Edison Company, also known as ComEd, is a unit of Chicago-based Exelon Corporation (NYSE: EXC). Exelon is one of the nation's largest electric utilities, with approximately 5.4 million customers. ComEd provides service to approximately 3.8 million customers across Northern Illinois, or 70 percent of the state's population. ComEd's Smart Ideas Program helps homes and businesses reduce energy use.

#### **About Illinois Clean Energy**

The Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation invests in clean energy development and land preservation efforts, working with communities and citizens to improve environmental quality in Illinois. The Foundation supports programs and projects that will improve energy efficiency, develop renewable energy resources and preserve and enhance natural areas and wildlife habitats throughout the state.

#### **About SSRCx**

SSRCx, LLC is a commissioning provider that offers client-centered, high-quality services resulting in first class facilities and lasting relationships with builders and owners across the country. SSRCx, LLC provides green building consulting, energy use reduction, and commissioning services for new construction and existing building projects including LEED consulting and Continuous Commissioning®.

#### **About PECE**

Portland Energy Conservation, Inc. (PECE) designs and implements energy efficiency programs for utility companies and governmental agencies in the western United States. Founded in 1980 and headquartered in Portland, Ore., the organization has a longstanding tradition of pairing innovation with practicality to deliver customized solutions in building commissioning, retrofits and new construction with a focus on HVAC, refrigeration, lighting and appliances. As an industry leader, it serves the commercial and residential markets with services including technical consultation, research, analysis, program management and implementation. PECE is committed to gaining widespread efficiency practices that embrace careful resource and energy management. To learn more, visit [www.peci.org](http://www.peci.org).

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