

## Highlights from High-Performance Building Week

The High Performance Building Congressional Caucus Coalition (HPBCCC) held its third annual High Performance Buildings Week, on May 24-29, 2011, which included a series of events including briefings and panel discussions ranging from topics on metrics and community leadership to next generation building designers and university energy-efficient retrofits. The event kicked off with a press conference on May 24 in Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill. Kate Marks, NASEO managing director, commented on the important role of State and Territory Energy Offices play in advancing high-performance buildings, saying that “across the country, State Energy Offices promote technology commercialization through demonstration and deployment programs, lead by example in managing their own building portfolios, run or administer building retrofit programs, and support workforce training and economic development programs in their communities.”

As part of the week’s events, NASEO organized a breakfast briefing, “Achieving High-Performance: Consensus Reports from the Private Sector,” in collaboration with the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS). The briefing focused on recent efforts from the Zero-Energy Commercial Buildings Consortium (CBC), which NASEO serves as the secretariat for the CBC, and the NIBS Consultative Council. During the briefing, a panel discussion of industry experts shared their views on barriers, recommendations, and near-term future strategies in achieving net-zero energy and high-performance buildings. .



Henry Green, President of the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS), provided opening remarks during Thursday morning’s briefing.

Key areas of interest throughout this panel discussion focused on the need for improved codes and standards, wider use of integrated building design and delivery, and more investment in developing workforce capacity. Lastly, the expert panelists and the industry stakeholders discussed the value of continued private sector coordination and collaboration in addressing barriers in the sector and in implementing solutions.