

NEEC Partners with SEEA and ADECA to Offer BOC in Alabama

May 8, 2017 - The Northwest Energy Efficiency Council (NEEC) is excited to announce its partnership with the Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA) and the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) Energy Division to bring the Building Operator Certification (BOC®) training program to the state of Alabama. The Building Operator Certification (BOC®) training is a leader in energy efficiency education for commercial building operations and maintenance personnel.

ADECA is a recipient of the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program award, which will enable the project team to offer the BOC program to building operators in local government and K-12 schools over the next three years. The goal of the project is to develop the BOC program along with other technical assistance resources. The project also aims to address barriers that make it challenging for public building operators to receive comprehensive energy efficiency training.

NEEC and SEEA entered into a licensing agreement to offer BOC in Alabama in February 2017. Under this agreement, SEEA will serve as the administrator of the BOC training program, and will also have access to the resources of the national program. These include curricula, training materials and a national pool of instructors. Under the partnership, students in the public building sector will be eligible for training and credentialing opportunities through NEEC's nationally recognized BOC program. The project team will support increased energy efficiency through BOC training in local government and K-12 school buildings across Alabama.

"NEEC is so pleased to partner with two great organizations, SEEA and ADECA, who provide outstanding leadership on energy efficiency in the Southeast. Their efforts to extend the BOC program to facility professionals throughout Alabama will provide great benefit by improving the operational cost and performance of commercial and institutional buildings across the state," said Stan Price, Executive Director of NEEC.

"We are thrilled to be working with ADECA and NEEC to offer BOC training. We have seen BOC's positive impact on workforce development in other regions and are excited to be bringing it to Alabama," said SEEA President Mandy Mahoney. "BOC provides a unique opportunity to engage a broad group of stakeholders, including local governments, utilities and energy service companies, in supporting the creation of a more skilled and knowledgeable building operator workforce."

A BOC Level I course is scheduled to begin in Clanton, Alabama in October 2017. For more information, please visit theboc.info. Details on the BOC courses offered in Alabama can be found at www.bocalabama.com.

About the Project Team

The Northwest Energy Efficiency Council (NEEC) is a nonprofit trade association of the energy efficiency industry and is the national administrator of the Building Operator Certification program.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) Energy Division is a state agency whose mission is to increase energy efficiency, reduce energy consumption, promote energy-efficiency and renewable-energy technologies, and make energy efficiency more affordable for Alabamians.

The Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA) is a nonprofit, regional energy efficiency organization serving 11 across the Southeast working to ensure the region has the knowledge, resources and opportunities to optimize energy use.

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