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### NEEC and NEEA Release BOC Testimonial Videos

The Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) and the Northwest Energy Efficiency Council (NEEC) are pleased to announce the release of new testimonial videos highlighting the benefits of the Building Operator Certification (BOC®) program. The videos can be found on the BOC homepage: <http://www.theboc.info/>

NEEA and NEEC share the common goal of encouraging organizations to adopt more energy efficient practices and reduce energy consumption. The BOC program fulfills that goal by providing high quality educational programming for skill enhancement in the energy efficient operation and maintenance profession. BOC is an experience and training-based professional certification that provides energy-saving operational strategies for facility and building staff, technicians and engineers.

The videos feature real-life graduates of the program discussing the benefits they have experienced from completing the BOC course and earning the BOC credential. Participants benefit from both improved job skills and more comfortable, energy-efficient facilities. The certification also provides a credential for professional development while offering employers a way to identify skilled operators.

Teresa Rogers, a Journeyman Building Engineer, discusses how the program was able to help her advance her career into a skilled trade and ultimately land a great job.

Chris Hunsaker, HVAC Lead and Building Engineer at Safeco Field in Seattle, WA tells his story of how an energy efficient upgrade project to his facility's boiler system saved the organization a quarter of a million dollars in less than six months.

BOC participants save money for their organizations almost immediately upon starting training through projects geared to deal with their specific facility issues. For facility directors interested in examples of how participants are putting BOC to practice in their facilities, an extensive body of evaluation research can be found at the BOC web site at [www.theBOC.info](http://www.theBOC.info). This research shows, among other things, that BOC-trained operators are 30% more likely to engage in energy efficiency practices than non-trained operators – to the tune of \$20,000 savings annually per operator.

#### ABOUT NEEA & NEEC

The Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) is a non-profit organization working to accelerate energy efficiency to meet our future energy needs. NEEA is supported by and works in collaboration with the Bonneville Power Administration, Energy Trust of Oregon and more than 100 Northwest utilities on behalf of more than 12 million energy consumers. NEEA uses the market power of the region to accelerate the innovation and adoption of energy-efficient products, services and practices. Since 1997, NEEA and its partners have saved enough energy to power more than 600,000 homes each year. Energy efficiency can satisfy more than half of our new demand for energy, saving money and keeping the Northwest a healthy and vibrant place to live. [www.neea.org](http://www.neea.org).

The Northwest Energy Efficiency Council (NEEC) is a non-profit trade association of the energy efficiency industry. NEEC member companies provide energy efficiency products and services and assist in the development and implementation of energy efficiency programs. NEEC advocates an affordable, energy efficient future for commercial, industrial and residential customers.

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