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## **CABA Joins Zero Energy Commercial Building Consortium**

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The Continental Automated Buildings Association (CABA) is pleased to announce that it has joined the Zero Energy Commercial Building Consortium.

The Consortium brings together industry and other relevant private sector parties, research institutions, and government entities to: i) compile performance and cost information on technologies; ii) identify market barriers and solutions; iii) facilitate communication among stakeholders; and iv) distribute this information to inform and guide stakeholder decisions in regards to the deployment of zero energy buildings in the United States.

By 2050, new commercial construction in the United States will be zero energy, by U.S. Department of Energy mandate. Consortium members, including CABA, will work with DOE to plan, coordinate, and assist in implementing a comprehensive strategy to transform energy performance in the commercial sector through:

- Innovation – Helping to identify and characterize promising new technologies, innovative market mechanisms, and effective public policies – and recommending priorities for technology R&D, demonstrations, and pilot programs.
- Demonstration – Proving that technologies, market mechanisms, and policies work and are well documented prior to promoting their widespread deployment.
- Deployment – Helping to design, initiate, and evaluate deployment programs for proven energy-saving technologies that are promising but underutilized.

The technology to build zero energy commercial buildings exists today, but is expensive, and requires expertise that only a few players have. To make these buildings as common as conventional buildings are today will require a profound transformation in how everyone works, including, clients, architects and engineers, construction firms, financing institutions, the facilities managers and operational staffs who operate and maintain the completed buildings, and the teachers who train those who work in all of these vocations. The Consortium's mandate is to determine the steps necessary to achieve transformation.

“CABA is pleased to leverage its vast social network and expertise to help make the American zero energy vision a reality,” stated J. Christopher Larry, Director of Energy Engineering at Teng & Associates, Inc. and one of CABA's representatives on the Consortium. “The organization will work in lock-step with its membership and other industry stakeholders, through collaborative research and action, to contribute to the wider net zero building transformation effort.”

"The Zero Energy Commercial Building Consortium is clearly the best vehicle to pursue energy transformation in buildings," said Tim Kensok, Vice President of Market Development at AirAdvice and one of CABA's representatives on the Consortium. "We are extremely gratified to be contributing to this process."

**About CABA**

The Continental Automated Buildings Association (CABA) is a leading industry association that promotes advanced technologies in homes and buildings in North America. More information is available at

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