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# **COMMISSIONING INDUSTRY VETERAN HONORED AT 17<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BUILDING COMMISSIONING**

*Don Frey Receives Benner Award*

PORTLAND, Ore. – June 23, 2009 – Commissioning industry veteran Don Frey received the renowned Benner Award at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual NCBC National Conference on Building Commissioning (NCBC) held June 3-5 in Seattle. In memory of commissioning industry champion Nancy Benner, the Benner Award recognizes outstanding achievement in making building commissioning “business as usual.” The Benner Award Committee grants the award to an individual or organization that has engaged in educational or demonstration activities, policy initiatives, or endeavors that successfully promote building commissioning.

Don Frey is senior vice president and co-founder of Architectural Energy Corporation, a national leader in building energy efficiency services and products. Additionally, Frey is currently serving as the chairman of the Advisory Committee to the California Commissioning Collaborative, where he guides the Collaborative to support many innovative commissioning programs and strategies. He is a nationally and internationally recognized leader in developing and applying innovative performance evaluation and commissioning technologies in residential and commercial buildings.

Liz Fischer, Senior Program Manager at PECl and NCBC Executive Director said, “This year I am thrilled to present this award to one of the industry’s founding fathers. The work of Frey and his colleagues at Architectural Energy Corporation has been responsible for untold energy savings and greenhouse gas emission reductions in new and existing residential and commercial buildings.” Frey and AEC developed many innovative monitoring procedures and instrumentation approaches for building performance evaluation that led to diagnostic test procedures for purposes of building commissioning. Today, Frey continues to advocate for the importance of building commissioning, as well as the use of ongoing commissioning and fault diagnostics to ensure the persistence of energy savings in high-performance buildings.

### **About NCBC and PECl**

The National Conference on Building Commissioning (NCBC) unites energy efficiency and green building design experts with construction and operations professionals to discuss the latest trends and technologies that make commercial buildings work properly and efficiently. Portland Energy Conservation, Inc. (PECl), producer and host of NCBC, designs and implements energy efficiency programs for utility companies and governmental agencies in the western United States. Founded in 1980 and headquartered in Portland, Oregon, the organization has a longstanding tradition of pairing innovation with practicality to deliver customized solutions in building commissioning and retrofits; refrigeration and HVAC; lighting, appliances and new construction. As an industry leader, it serves the large commercial, commercial retail and residential markets with services including technical consultation, research, analysis, program management and implementation. PECl 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).

**About Architectural Energy Corporation and Carrier**

Architectural Energy Corporation (AEC), founded in 1982, is a leading business-to-business energy engineering firm concerned with energy, buildings, and the environment. AEC provides a comprehensive and innovative suite of professional services and products that enable AEC's clients to achieve and to maintain peak energy and environmental performance over the life of their buildings. In 2008, AEC was acquired by Carrier Corp. Carrier, headquartered in Farmington, Conn., is the world's largest provider of heating, air-conditioning and refrigeration solutions, with operations in more than 170 countries. Carrier is part of United Technologies Corp., a Hartford, Connecticut-based provider of products and services to the aerospace and building systems industries worldwide. Visit [www.carrier.com](http://www.carrier.com) for more information.

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