BuildingGreen
Sustainability Leader Events
Fall 2021

Boston Region Mini-Summit

3 GBCI CEUs
3 AIA LUs

Date: Thurs. Sept. 9th, 1 pm–5 pm ET
Location: Boston Region In-Person—TBD
Price: $150

Description:

This Boston area workshop will, first off, provide a chance for us to reconnect in person with opportunities for networking and getting (re)acquainted within and across our networks.

Then we'll roll up our sleeves and divide into two parallel sessions:

1. **The new net-zero stretch code.** What's in it, how to advocate for its adoption, how to meet it, and what suggestions we might have for how to evolve it to better align with carbon reduction targets.
2. **Materials in the Boston market.** Opportunities with salvaged materials, low-embodied carbon options, and how to get more EPDs from local concrete suppliers.

We'll wrap up with some action planning for the Regional Group.

Integrated Solutions Jam

Net-zero what? Transitioning our metrics from energy to carbon

3 GBCI CEUs
3 AIA LUs

Date: Thurs. Oct. 7th, 1 pm–5 pm ET (10 am–2 pm PT)
Location: Virtual
Price: $125

Description:

Energy metrics are ingrained in energy codes, design awards, and even corporate ESG accounting. But we know energy is only an imperfect proxy for carbon and we can do better. In this session, we'll map out what our industry needs to change in order to see carbon impacts more accurately and holistically.

We'll explore new tools and approaches that are supporting this shift from energy to carbon and how it affects fuel choice and time-of-use as we make the case for electrification. We'll also consider the impacts of refrigerants and how embodied carbon factors into the equation. What does all this mean for terms in widespread use today, like "net-zero-energy?"

Integrated Solutions Jam

Getting "better" materials into projects

3 GBCI CEUs
3 AIA LUs

Date: Thurs. Oct. 14th, 1 pm–5 pm ET (10 am–2 pm PT)
Location: Virtual
Price: $125

Description:

We tend to focus on one aspect of materials at a time: either we're looking for healthier materials, or circular materials, or materials with low environmental impact. In this workshop we'll share frameworks that help us identify better materials across all these parameters and then identify what practically needs to happen to prefer those materials across all our projects, at scale.

Once those products are selected, we need to optimize our specs, submittal forms, pre-bid meetings, cover sheets, and substitution requests can prevent better materials from falling through the cracks in handoffs between consultants, designers, and contractors.

Integrated Solutions Jam

Beyond the Property Line—
Bringing clean, resilient energy
to underserved communities

3 GBCI CEUs
3 AIA LUs

Date: Thurs. Oct. 21st, 1 pm–5 pm ET (10 am–2 pm PT)
Location: Virtual
Price: $125

Description:

How can we bring clean, resilient energy to underserved communities? Whether it's the efficiency of district energy systems, the resilience offered by microgrids, or new financial models that allow renters to benefit from community solar, we need renewable energy delivered directly to communities. A community-based approach can prioritize both the benefits and promote environmental justice. We'll explore some case studies and unpack the roles of process, policy, and technology in making this kind of project a reality.