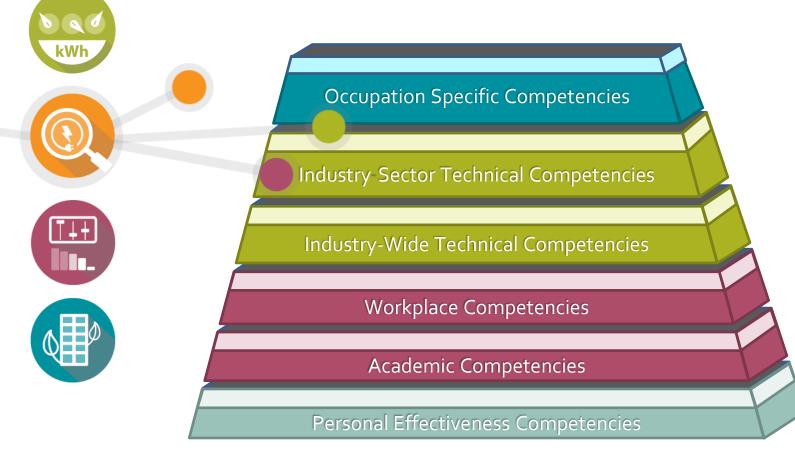
# **CBEI Competency Model and Career Map**

2015 Building Technologies Office Peer Review





#### **Project Summary**

#### <u>Timeline</u>:

Start date: 2.01.2013

Planned end date: 4.30.2016

#### **Key Milestones:**

1. Complete competency model: 9.30.14

2. Publish competency model: 4.10.15

3. Complete beta career map web tool:

4.30.15

#### **Budget:**

Total DOE \$ to date: \$870,000

Total future DOE \$: \$175,000

#### **Target Market/Audience**:

Policymakers seeking to link program funding with recognized credentials, professional associations and other organizations involved in workforce development, employers seeking guidance on talent recruitment and cultivation, job-seekers seeking guidance on entry points and career advancement

#### **Key Partners**:

Consortium for Building Energy Innovation (CBEI)	National Institute of Building Sciences
Pennsylvania State University	Center on Wisconsin Strategy (COWS) at
Facility Engineering Associates	University of Wisconsin-Madison

#### **Project Goal**:

Development and translation of clear competencies, workforce development and career pathways aligned with new national building energy efficiency workforce guidelines for four of the advanced energy job titles: Energy Manager; Building Operations Professional; Energy Auditor; Commissioning Professional





#### Vision:

By 2030, deep energy retrofits that reduce energy use by 50% in existing SMSCB, which are less than 250,000 sq ft

#### Mission:

Develop, demonstrate and deploy technology systems and market pathways that permit early progress (20-30% energy use reductions) in Small and Medium Sized Commercial Buildings





#### **Our Goals:**

- Enable deep energy retrofits in small to medium sized commercial buildings
- Demonstrate energy efficient systems tailored for SMSCBs in occupied buildings – living labs
- Develop effective market pathways for energy efficiency with utilities and other commercial stakeholders: brokers, finance, service providers.
- Provide analytical tools to link state and local policies with utility efficiency programs























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### Purpose and Objectives: Problem Statement

Demand is increasing for a commercial buildings workforce with advanced competencies in operations, maintenance and energy-related technologies. DOE recently released the Better Buildings Workforce Guidelines, voluntary national guidelines to improve the quality and consistency of commercial building workforce credentials for four key energy-related jobs: Building Energy Auditor, Building Commissioning Professional, Building Operations Professional and Energy Manager.

The industry needs documented career and development pathways and a clear representation of the competencies required in each role in order to accelerate the movement of competent people into these jobs.







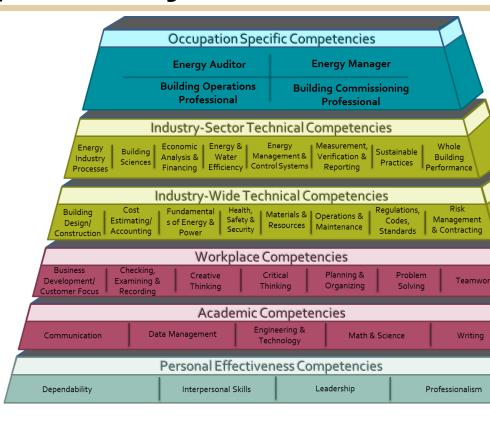
### Purpose and Objectives: Target Market and Audience

- 1. Professional associations and training & education providers involved in workforce development including trades unions, veterans organizations, associations for architects and engineers, etcetera, so they can counsel workers and establish training and other programs to support movement into the four energy-related jobs
- **2. Policymakers** seeking to link program funding with recognized credentials
- 3. Job-seekers seeking guidance on entry points and career advancement
- 4. Employers seeking guidance on talent recruitment and cultivation



### Purpose and Objectives: Impact of Project

Output #1: As of April 10, 2015, the **ACBW Competency Model** is housed on the Department of Labor's Competency Model Clearinghouse. It is a resource for industry which documents the foundational and technical skills and competencies required for workplace success and provides a resource for the development of curriculum, certifications, and the tests that assess work-related competencies.



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• Output #2: The **ACBW Career Map** beta website depicts clear workforce development pathways and career progressions into the advanced commercial buildings workforce (ACBW). It is an easy-to-understand representation of the four job titles, associated credentials and pathways to obtain the credentials and advanced positions.

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# Purpose and Objectives: Impact of Project (con't)

This project will contribute to substantial improvement in workforce readiness and the demand for and employment of qualified workers in the following ways:

- Near-term the ACBW Career Map will be used to educate training and education providers and professional associations about the existence of the Better Buildings Workforce Guidelines and associated credentials and spur them to modify and create curricula aligned with the credentials. Veterans groups and community colleges have already provided feedback indicating the career map will be valuable for this purpose
- Intermediate trades unions, veterans' employment organizations and other groups supporting displaced workers will use the career map to counsel job seekers; employers will use the competency model to create job descriptions, establish qualifications for positions and develop internal training programs; policy makers (including state and local officials and public utility commissions) will link requirements for qualifications and energy efficiency programming to credentials

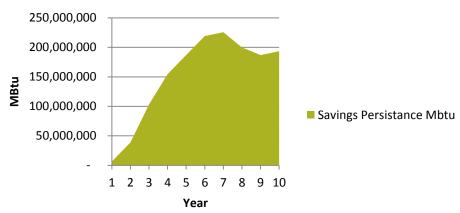
### Purpose and Objectives: Impact of Project (con't)

This project will contribute to substantial improvement in workforce readiness and the demand for and employment of qualified workers in the following ways:

- Long-term the ACBW Career Map is a go-to resource for all audiences and is accelerating the employment and career progressions of people into the advanced commercial buildings workforce
- One of the pillars of DOE's Better
  Buildings Initiative to make
  commercial buildings 20% more
  energy efficient over the next 10
  years is "Developing a Skilled Clean
  Energy Workforce"
- → Guiding people into ACBW careers helps to achieve this goal

DOE's Better Buildings Workforce
Guidelines investment predicated on
energy savings estimates seen below.
ACBW Competency Model and Career
Map support achievement of the
projected savings

# DOE Estimate for Savings Persistence over 10 years with BBWG Investment





Tying It All Together: The Framework to Build a "Better Buildings Workforce"

Technical
Standards,
Codes, and
Specifications

Define safe, durable, high quality work Job Tasks and Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

What the worker does and what they need to do it well Accreditation
Standards for
Training and
Certification
Programs

Accreditation evaluates program quality Training
Content,
Platforms, and
Programs

Curriculum built on skill and technical standards National, Standardized Credentials

competency-based credentials built on common JTAs, certification schemes and/or certificate requirements

Driving Market
Demand for a
"Better
Buildings
Workforce"

Programs, policies, employers, consumers

Competency
Model Translates
Job Task Analysis
Data Into a
Visual
Framework & a
USEABLE TOOL

Competency Model
Provides
Framework for
Curriculum
Development
based on
REAL WORLD JOB
NEEDS

Career Map
Provides A
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Career Map
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Project's Contribution



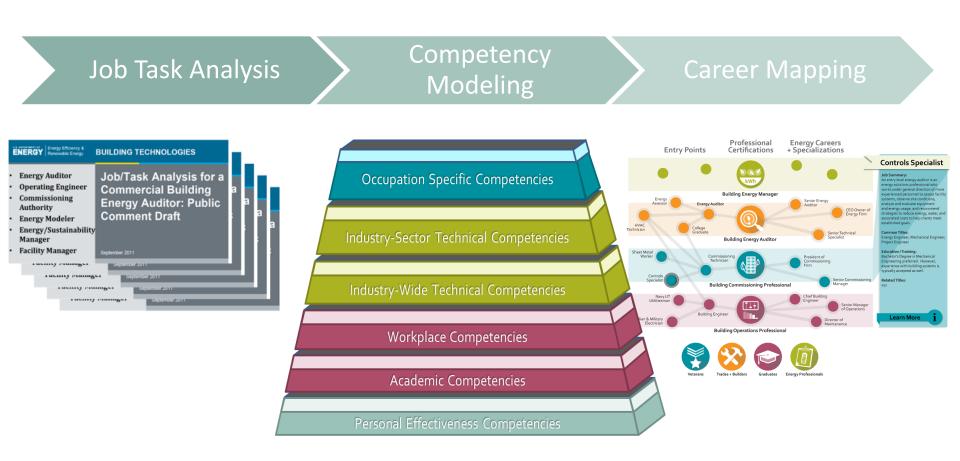
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Research-based process integrating existing industry data, industry interviews, thematic analysis, and prioritization

- Updated Competency Model with revised Job Task Analyses
- Attended Scheme Committee meetings for each of four credentials
- Interviewed 30 people in the advanced commercial buildings workforce
- Interviews provided information to highlight "Performance Competencies" for each job title that contribute to successful business processes
- Career Map entry points and pathways determined from interviews and thematic analysis
- Focused on strategic entry points for:

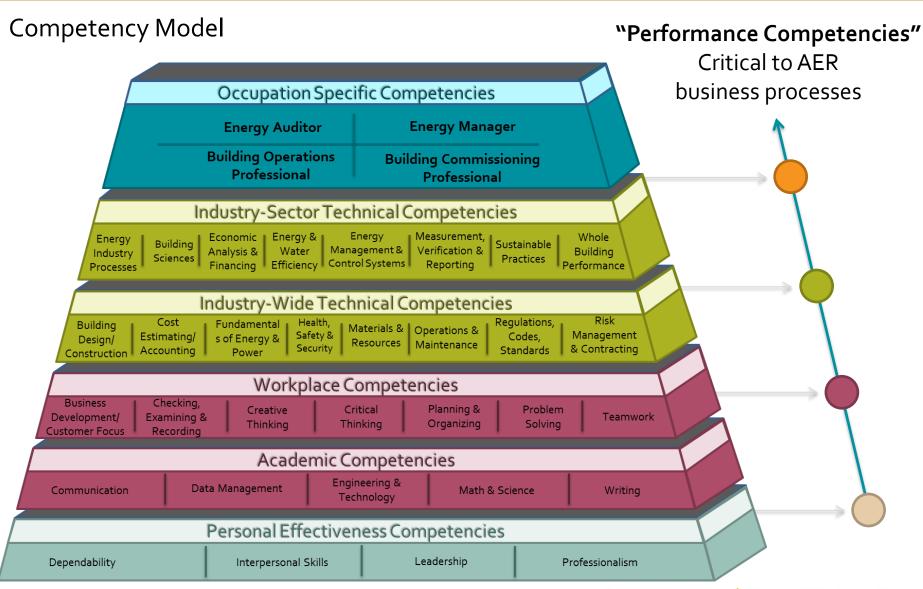


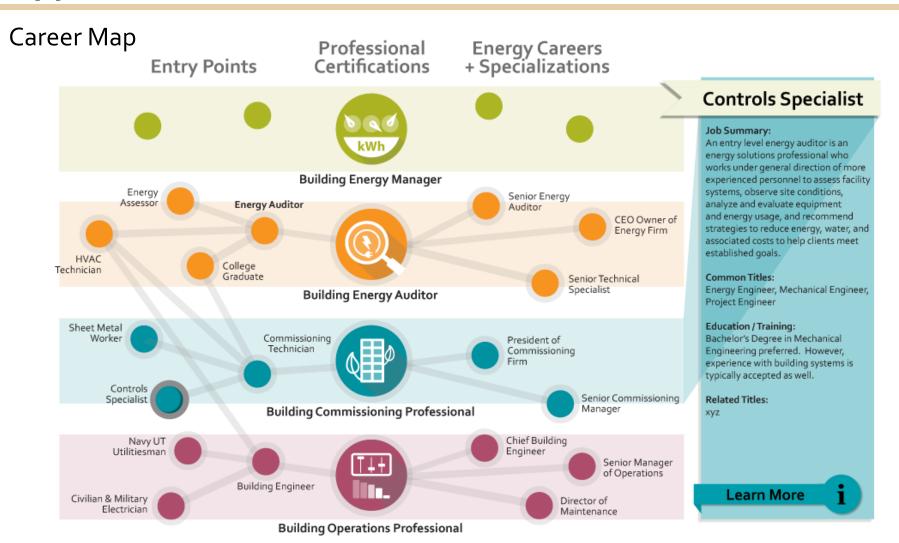
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Performance competencies

















#### **Key Issues:**

- Significant overlap and confusion exists across job titles and shared job responsibilities
- Extensive knowledge and skills associated with positions (e.g. Energy Auditor) blurs understanding of critical performance competencies that are needed to advance advanced energy retrofit business processes

#### **Distinctive Characteristics:**

- Utilized proven methods such as Job Task
   Analysis and basic competency model format
   and enhanced with unique insights such as
   performance competencies (e.g. what makes
   someone particularly good at their job)
- Visual, user friendly tool to engage with the workforce to enter into or to advance in this industry







# **Progress and Accomplishments**

- Accomplishments:
  - Competency model published on Department of Labor website
  - 2. ACBW Competency model case summary published on DOL's Career One Stop website
  - 3. Identified pathways to new national workforce standards
  - 4. Identified performance competencies
  - 5. Designed career map web interface
  - 6. Created filters in career map to highlight veterans & trades
- Market Impact: Main work products being introduced to market in April 2015 therefore none to report
- Awards/Recognition:

None at this time



### **Progress and Accomplishments**

- Project Integration: Project staff collaborated with and were members of the Board of Direction for Workforce Standards under the auspices of National Institute for Building Sciences (NIBS); participated in the NIBS-led credentialing scheme committees; conducted interviews with dozens of ACBW professionals and members of the scheme committees; utilized CBEI's Technical Advisors from Department of Labor, American Legion and NIBS
- Partners, Subcontractors & Collaborators: Penn State provided academic leadership, process plan and coordination; Facility Engineering Associates led development of career map and competency model; Penn State graduate students conducted research and thematic analysis; Center on Wisconsin Strategy at University of Wisconsin-Madison provided expert consulting on career mapping
- Communications:
- Presented at NIBS Board of Direction meetings in 2014
- American Association of Community Colleges, Workforce Development Institute,
   January 2015 "Better Buildings, Better Jobs: Mapping Careers in Commercial Efficiency"
- Upcoming presentations:
  - International Facilities Manager Association (IFMA) Facility Fusion (April 2015)
  - ~ BOMA Every Building Conference (June 2105)
  - International Construction Specialty Conference (June 2015)



# **Next Steps and Future Plans**

- The beta Career Map created in this budget period will be tested with various target audiences. Using feedback from the test users, a revised version of the Map will be completed and a long-term web host and sustainability plan will be identified
- Using DOE's, NIBS' and other commercial workforce networks, develop and execute a plan for wide-spread dissemination of the career map. 3-4 webinars will be conducted targeted at these networks to help them understand the career map and how it relates to the broader advanced commercial buildings workforce standards and credentials. Webinars will be recorded and available for online use.

#### **Career Map Profile:**





#### **Project Budget**

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2013/14-\$408,000

2014/15 - \$552,000

Variances: none

**Cost to Date**: \$960,000 – 100% will be expended as of 4.30.2015

Additional Funding: \$173,000 (Penn State)

Budget History								
	CBEI BP3 (past) CBEI BP4 (current) 5/1/2014 - 4/30/2015		CBEI BP5 (planned) 5/1/2015 – 4/30/2016					
DOE- \$370,000	Penn State - \$38,000	DOE- \$500,000	Penn State - \$52,000	DOE - \$175,000	Penn State - \$42,000			

**CBEI – Consortium for Building Energy Innovation (formerly EEB Hub) BP – Budget Period** 



### **Project Plan and Schedule**

Project Start: Feb 1, 2013		Completed Work										
Projected End: April 30, 2016		Active Task (in progress work)										
	•	Milestone/Deliverable (Originally Planned)										
	•	Milestone/Deliverable (Actual)										
	E	BP3 (2013-14)			BP4 (2014-15)				CBEI BP5 (2015-16)			
Task	Q1 (Feb-Apr)	Q2 (May-Jul)	Q3 (Aug-Oct)	Q4 (Nov-Apr)	Q1 (May-Jul)	Q2 (Aug-Oct)	Q3 (Nov-Jan)	Q4 (Feb-Apr)	Q1 (May-Jul)	Q2 (Aug-Oct)	Q3 (Nov-Jan)	Q4 (Feb-Apr)
Past Work												
Q1 Aligned workplan with BTO - NIBS	•	<b>•</b>										
Q1 Competency model schema complete	•	<b>•</b>										
Q4 Draft Competency model to NIBS					•							
Current/Future Work												
Q2 Finalize 4 competency models (with revised JTAs)							•	<u> </u>	$oxed{oxed}$		$oxed{oxed}$	
GNG/Q3 Map career draft pathways/routes							•	<b>P</b>				
Q4 Create beta of career map web tool								•	•		$oxed{oxed}$	
Q4 Deliver plan for market deployment of model and map								•				
GNG/Q1 Define process/principles and funding model to update career map									1			
Q2 Update career map with emerging credentials												
Q2 Test beta version of career map with target audiences and summarize findings												
GNG/Q3 Publically accessible career map completed and presentation of career map to 4 of 8 audience groups completed												