

MEEA's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Midwest Building Energy Codes Conference**

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September 25 & 26, 2024

The Midwest Building Energy Codes Conference brings together stakeholders from across the Midwest to discuss the advancement of energy codes and building energy efficiency practices in the region. This annual conference provides an opportunity to network, engage in building science and policy discussions and learn from leading experts about current and future trends.

Register now!

**Pre-Conference: Tuesday, September 24**

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3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.      **Pre-Conference Tour & Networking** – Historic Zero-Energy Renovation of Stearns & Foster Building, 100 Williams Street, Lockland, Ohio

This 90-minute presentation and tour of the recently completed commercial building renovation will highlight what is needed to bring an historic building to zero energy status. The event, hosted by Pepper Construction of Ohio, concludes with refreshments and networking. (separate registration required on conference registration page)

**Day 1: Wednesday, September 25**

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8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.      Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.      **Welcome and Midwest Roundup Discussion**

Efficiency champions, unite! Join MEEA and representatives from states and municipalities across the Midwest to discuss what has been happening in building energy efficiency over the last year. This session will highlight energy code adoptions, building energy efficiency policies and more.

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.      **Commercial Break - Advancing & Improving Commercial Buildings**

From new technologies and building operation improvements to advanced building techniques and updated building energy codes, this panel will discuss emerging methods for improving efficiency in commercial buildings. (panel)

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.      **Lunch**

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.      **Common Ground - Strategic Partnerships to Advance Energy-Efficient Buildings**

Cross-sector partnerships are essential to bridging the gaps in creating comprehensive & effective building energy efficiency programs. In this session, we will discuss best practices, lessons learned and continued challenges in existing partnerships for energy efficiency programs. (discussion)

- 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Break**
- 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **If These Walls Could Talk - Messaging to Improve Energy Efficiency**
- We all know energy efficiency is king, but how do we convince others to <3 energy codes and building policies as much as we do? This panel will highlight proven examples and recommendations on how to effectively change the conversation and advance policies that improve energy efficiency in buildings. (panel)
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **Reception** at MadTree Alcove, The Gathering Room, 1410 Vine St, Cincinnati, OH

## Day 2: Thursday, September 26

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- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **Who Is Missing From the Buildings Workforce?**
- During this session, we will look at the current makeup of the buildings' workforce, who is missing from it, and how we can expand our reach to effectively bring in those who have historically not been a part of it. Discussion will cover the challenges faced by potential employees and employers, as well as various solutions and opportunities to support a growing buildings workforce! (discussion)
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Break**
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Innovation & Evolution - Advanced Building Policies**
- As energy efficiency in the building industry faces new and emerging challenges, now is a critical time to look toward the future. This panel will explore innovative policy frameworks and forward-thinking strategies from industry leaders to help improve building energy efficiency in our communities and beyond. (panel)
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **If Your Only Tool is a Hammer, You Tend to See All Problems as Nails: New EE Resources**
- Just like the nail guns carpenters now use instead of hammers, there are new tools for improving energy code compliance and supporting energy efficiency. During this session learn about important new resources that can upgrade and expand your professional toolbox! (panel)