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Kentucky Introduces PEER, Performance Excellence in Electricity Renewal

New Certification Program to Focus on Energy Resiliency and Security

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 11, 2017) - Resiliency and security are two important topics to consider in our changing energy landscape. Today, Kentucky's Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) is addressing both of them, launching a new program in partnership with Green Business Certification, Inc. (GBCI).

The program, called PEER, or Performance Excellence in Electricity Renewal, is a comprehensive certification program for measuring and improving power system performance. Energy system projects eligible for PEER participation include

municipal districts, commercial and industrial complexes, and developed campuses such as military installations.

PEER is the nation's first comprehensive framework for assessing and verifying the overall performance of an electrical delivery system design and operation and provides a road map to increasing resilience as one of its core objectives.

"Reliable and resilient power systems are an essential piece of a healthy energy grid," said Rick Bender, Advisor to the Energy and Environment Cabinet. "While PEER is a relatively new concept, it builds on our ongoing efforts to provide affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy to all citizens of the Commonwealth."

To learn more about Kentucky's PEER project, an introductory webinar is scheduled at 10 a.m. on October 25, 2017. There is no cost to attend, but [registration](#) is required. The webinar is the first in a series of outreach events to educate customers, stakeholders and policy makers.

The Kentucky PEER project is funded by a \$40,000 State Energy Program grant.

For more information about PEER in Kentucky, contact Kenya Stump, Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Kenya.Stump@ky.gov.

PEER is owned and administered by GBCI, a not-for-profit organization that independently recognizes excellence in green business industry performance and practice globally. GBCI administers project certifications and professional credentials and certificates within the framework of the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system. Educational resources and an introduction to the PEER rating system are available at <http://peer.gbci.org/>.

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