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### **Kentucky school administrators to get first-hand look at energy efficient school facilities**

*High Performance School Buildings workshops scheduled in Bowling Green*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. – (March 17, 2011)** – Energy costs make up a significant part of local school district budgets, and finding ways to reduce operating costs, while improving student learning, is the focus of a two-day High Performance School Buildings Workshop in Bowling Green March 22 – 23, 2011. The event is hosted by the Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence (DEDI) and the Kentucky National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project, which is funded through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds from the U.S. Department of Energy.

More than 100 school administrators and design professionals from across Kentucky will tour schools that have already utilized energy-saving opportunities to significantly reduce costs. On March 22, the group will tour the T.C. Cherry Elementary School, located at 101 Liberty Way, which was the first Kentucky school to use solar tube devices and was the winner of the 2010 Build Kentucky Award. On March 23, the group will see Richardsville Elementary School, located at 1775 Richardsville Road, which is one of the first Net Zero energy schools in the country.

Since 2002, the number of ENERGY STAR schools in Kentucky has grown to 87, a significant number of facilities, which indicates school districts view the need to save operating dollars through energy reductions as critical.

The workshop will convene at the Sloan Convention Center, 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, Ky., at 8:15 CDT. For more information, contact Pam Proctor of NEED by calling (859) 547-8008 or by email at [pproctor@need.org](mailto:pproctor@need.org).

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