



CBC'S EVENT – ALTERNATIVE ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY – KOHLER ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER AT CHOATE ROSEMARY HALL

HAMDEN, CT – The Connecticut Building Congress began its program calendar by Alternative Energy & Sustainability: Choate's Kohler Environmental Center. With its status as the first Net-Zero Energy facility at a secondary school in the New England, the Kohler Environmental Center was a outstanding example for this program on alternative energy and sustainability.

Located on 266 acres of undeveloped land east of the school's main campus in Wallingford, CT, the 31,325 sq. ft. academic and residential facility includes a research-quality greenhouse, laboratory spaces, classrooms, residential quarters for faculty and students, and many environmental design features. In addition to being the first-of-its-kind net-zero facility, the project is expected to achieve LEED Platinum certification.

Key members of the project team offered important advice for anyone seeking to replicate this project's success. "When one builds a first-of-its-kind project like the Kohler Center," commented Ron Goodin, with Fletcher-Thompson and CBC President, "time and planning become increasingly important. In the end, the team completed a difficult project in time for the start of the school year." CBC is in the process of planning a follow-on program for the spring to gain further insight into the building's performance and its contribution to the students' education.

Panel Members:

Owner: David Terrel, Associate Director of Facilities, Choate Rosemary Hall School

Construction Manager: Lisa Cenotti, Shawmut Design and Construction, Inc.

William Sweeney, Shawmut Design and Construction, Inc.

Solar Panel Installer: Carter Wilding-White, RGS Energy, Inc.

Moderator: Martin Onorato, Robinson & Cole, Immediate Past President of CBC

CBC's next program will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 in Middletown. The program will focus on project opportunities from the Community Health Center Movement.

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Photo attached – Martin Onorato at the podium with the rest of the panel

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