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SBIC's Executive Director Helen English Speaks on Capitol Hill to a Standing Room Only Crowd at EESI's Congressional Briefing



Washington, D.C.— On Thursday, July 20th, the Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC)'s Executive Director Helen English was one of three invited speakers to address the audience at the Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)'s briefing entitled *High-Performance Green Buildings: A Look at Their Benefits and the Role of Federal Policy*. With all things GREEN being the hot topic in the media these days, and a major heat wave gripping the entire nation, it's no wonder the Dirksen Senate Office Building was packed to capacity.

Representing SBIC, Ms. English spoke about the Council's long history promoting a "Whole Building Approach" which has led to their support of Section 914 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. That section calls for the Department of Energy (DOE) to work with the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) and conduct an assessment of existing building standards to begin the process of coming up with one overarching high performance building standard.

Copies of Ms. English's PowerPoint presentation are attached. Full details of the briefing and other speaker's handouts and slides are posted on the EESI website: www.eesi.org.

The Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC) is a non-profit trade association which has been a national leader in defining a coherent approach to integrated, 'whole building' design since its inception in 1980. This approach favors sustainability as a prominent design objective for all buildings while always maintaining a proper balance with seven other attributes: aesthetic, accessible, cost effective, flexible, productive, safe, and secure. The Council serves as an educational, outreach and advocacy organization dedicated to advancing the design, energy performance, affordability and environmental soundness of America's built environment. Location: 1112 16 St. NW Washington DC 20036 (202) 628-7400. Website: www.SBICouncil.org.

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