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**Kentucky Energy Agency and Building Industry Host Construction Training Event for Commonwealth Workers**

*New construction methods mitigate harm from natural disasters and save energy*

**Louisville, KY** — The Commonwealth of Kentucky Office of Energy Policy, in partnership Build with Strength, the Kentucky Concrete Association and the Kentucky Chapter of the American Concrete Institute, hosted a workforce training event on Wednesday, January 29. Nearly 100 workers attended, including design professionals (A&E), Developers, General Contractors, Masonry Contractors, Concrete Contractors, Wood and Steel Framers.

The Office of Energy Policy hopes to implement energy strategies with a commonsense approach that ensures the Commonwealth thrives amid rapid changes occurring in the production, delivery, and use of energy.

The course offered a view on emerging risks and opportunities such as human and economic losses from disasters increase, promoting resilience, and energy savings in future construction. Experts introduced systems like Insulating Concrete Forms which are among the methods that result in the most energy and disaster resistant buildings.

“Energy education is a key goal of the administration and today was just one example of how the Commonwealth continues to support these important initiatives,” said Amanda LeMaster, Energy Assurance and Efficiency Coordinator with the Office of Energy Policy. “It was a natural fit to partner with Build with Strength and the hope is that we see some of these innovative methods in future construction in order to save energy and lessen damage caused by natural disasters.”

The event was held at the Drury Inn & Suites in Louisville, which was built using Insulating Concrete Forms, and offered workers continuing education credits following completion.

“The energy and environmental benefits of using systems like ICFs are clear,” said Kevin Lawlor, spokesperson for Build with Strength. “It is important as an industry leader that we engage on efforts that make a positive impact in the community and on the environment. The state of Kentucky has a forward-thinking approach to the future of construction and should be applauded for their efforts. We look forward to continued partnership and hope that other states take a similar approach.”

Build with Strength, a coalition of the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association, works with communities, lawmakers, and industry employees to advocate for safer, sustainable building materials. Strengthening the workforce and advocating for the use of concrete as a sustainable construction material are among the organization’s top priorities.

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