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**Marc Sternick of Dietz & Company Architects
Presents on High Performance Public Housing at NESEA Conference in March**

Springfield, Mass. – On March 11, Marc B. Sternick, AIA, LEED AP will present on high performance public housing at the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association's (NESEA) annual Building Energy conference. The Building Energy Conference, which is held at Boston's Seaport World Trade Center, runs from March 9 – 11.

Sternick will present with Lauren Baumann of New Ecology, Inc. and Deanna Foster of CWC Builders, Inc. The session will examine how to design and build high performance, publicly bid housing and how architects can ensure that contractors who bid on their projects are clear on expected standards. Other topics include: How can a contractor put a price on a building's performance before it is built and still come in as the lowest bidder? How can contractors prepare their workforce to be ready for the type of green construction projects that are beginning to hit the streets?

At Dietz & Company Architects, Sternick oversees the firm's multifamily, public housing and green building efforts. He has spent more than 25 years assessing, designing and constructing high performance, affordable housing. "I have been committed to changing the face and reputation of affordable housing to one that is beautiful, healthy, energy-efficient and sustainable," says Sternick.

Sternick recently completed Hillside Place, a new sleek and sustainable mixed income housing at Village Hill in Northampton. Hillside Place is part of a master planned community of affordable and market rate housing mixed with commercial space at the former site of the historic Northampton State Hospital. These high performance buildings are EnergyStar® certified and feature one of the largest arrays of roof-mounted photovoltaic panels on any affordable housing project in the region. With a 43.4 kW capacity, these panels provide a portion of the overall electricity to reduce operating costs and lower carbon dioxide emissions.

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About NESEA

The Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA) is the nation's leading regional membership organization promoting sustainable energy solutions. For more than thirty years, NESEA has supported and inspired a growing network of professionals and sustainable energy advocates committed to responsible energy use. NESEA is committed to advancing three core elements: sustainable solutions, proven results and cutting-edge development in the field.