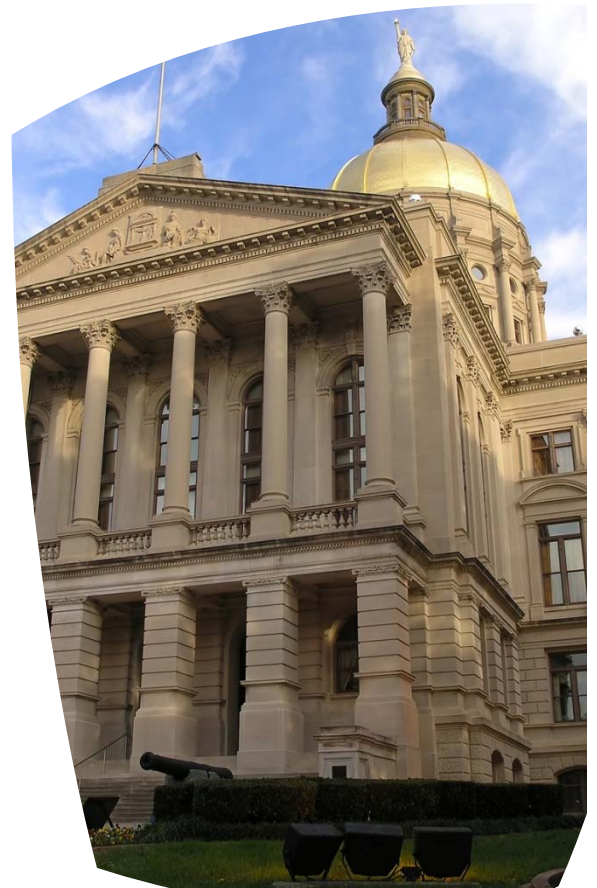


# GASFA *Talks*

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## Message from the President: David Godfrey

Welcome to our first issue of GASFA TALKS. We are excited to use this medium to keep our members informed about what is going on in GASFA, what is coming up, and issues related to our common interests. With only two conferences a year, we do not get to spend much time together, so we hope this newsletter will be a good opportunity to communicate more often. Feel free to submit ideas for future publications. There is not a specific schedule for publication of GASFA TALKS, so keep an eye on your email for future issues. You should automatically receive them if you are on the GASFA e-mail list. I look forward to seeing you at the fall conference on October 26-27 at Zoo Atlanta!



## WILL YOU BE AT THE ZOO?

GASFA Fall Conference 2010 will be at Zoo Atlanta on October 26 and 27. There will be great speakers, presentations, sponsor displays, networking opportunities, and an evening reception in the Zoo at the Panda Veranda. Go to [www.gasfa.net](http://www.gasfa.net) for more information and for all registration forms. **See attached flyer. You do not want to miss this!!**

# HOT TOPICS: Georgia State Bill 130

*What does the Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Construction Act of 2008 mean for state facilities?*

The Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Construction Act of 2008 (EESCA) is a set of green building standards developed as part of Georgia Senate Bill 130. Beginning on July 1, 2010, State-funded facilities entering into architectural design agreements are now required to meet minimum green building standards. The new regulations are an attempt to widen the skill set of construction professionals, increase competition for Georgia based materials and products, and improve the environment through energy and water use reduction. Facilities must participate in and report whole building commissioning, water-use reduction, and the selection of Georgia based materials and products.

EESCA provides a path to showcase excellence in green building with no required application or review fees.

Additionally, with the development of the Georgia Peach Rating System, efforts towards enhanced commissioning, water-use reduction and the selection of Georgia-based materials above the minimum requirement, and energy-use reduction can earn points towards four levels of certification. Each level earns the project a "Peach," with a maximum of four Peaches. A successfully completed project will be awarded a plaque commemorating the achievements of the project team. Owners and designers are still encouraged to seek

certification through rating systems like LEED, and they will find the Georgia Peach program works congruently with such green building rating systems.

The EESCA requirements will greatly increase the understanding and construction of high performance buildings throughout the State of Georgia without burdening building owners and designers with tedious amounts of paper work and prohibitive fees.

*A good way to learn more about EESCA or the Georgia Peach Rating System, or to schedule a training workshop, is to contact Will Broadnax at Energy Ace, [williamb@energyace.com](mailto:williamb@energyace.com) or 404.789.2721.*

## Upcoming GASFA Events

- October 26 - 27, 2010  
Fall GASFA Conference  
ZOO Atlanta

*Registration is open*

*Please contact Andi King Wieczynski for Sponsorship Opportunities at [andik@dprinc.com](mailto:andik@dprinc.com) or*

*Michael Roy at [michael.roy@spc.ga.gov](mailto:michael.roy@spc.ga.gov)*

*Please contact David Godfrey for conference details at [dgodfrey@gefa.ga.gov](mailto:dgodfrey@gefa.ga.gov)*

- November 17, 2010  
GASFA Technical Training  
Energy Opportunities

*Presented by Georgia Power*

*Watch your email for details and registration.*

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