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**North Carolina clean energy and building performance nonprofits NCSEA and NCBPA sign merger agreement**

**RALEIGH, N.C., July 1, 2021** — North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA) announced today the merger of the North Carolina Building Performance Association (NCBPA) with NCSEA—bringing together two of the leading voices in North Carolina’s clean energy transition. Conversations about the consolidation of the two nonprofit organizations has been ongoing for several months, and as of July 1, 2021 the NCBPA name, brand, and membership will be fully absorbed by NCSEA.

For more than four decades, NCSEA has worked to create an affordable, reliable, and clean energy economy for North Carolinians—helping to provide jobs, economic opportunities, and affordable energy options for all residents of our state. Since it was founded in 2014, NCBPA has played an integral role in advancing energy optimization through building performance for North Carolina residents, contractors, and businesses. This merger represents an exciting opportunity for two energy leaders in North Carolina’s clean energy landscape to further strengthen their collective impact under the NCSEA name.

“This merger presents a huge opportunity to utilize the combined expertise and experience of NCSEA and NCBPA’s membership communities to create a cleaner and more affordable energy economy for North Carolina,” said NCSEA’s Executive Director Ward Lenz. “The membership and boards of directors from both organizations voted overwhelmingly to approve this merger—signifying a communal excitement and optimism for a future with even more clean energy jobs, economic opportunities, and affordable energy options for all North Carolinians.”

The addition of more than 150 new energy efficiency and building performance business members to NCSEA’s existing 373 members positions NCSEA to significantly increase the meaningful policy and market changes for which we have come to be known. We anticipate continued and increasing advancement of the state’s clean energy, energy efficiency, and building performance industries and the solidification of North Carolina’s status as a sustainable energy leader in the southeast.

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**About North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association**

North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA) is the leading 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that drives public policy and market development for clean energy. Our work enables clean energy jobs, economic opportunities, and affordable energy options for North Carolinians. Learn more about NCSEA, our mission, and vision at [www.energync.org](http://www.energync.org).