



The Northeast Retro-Commissioning (RCx) Summit
Northeast Chapter of the Building Commissioning Association
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The Northeast Chapter of the BCA is proud to announce the Northeast RCx Summit Agenda:

8:30 – 9:25

Registration

9:30 – 12:30

Business Case for RCx and RCx Process

The opening session will be presented by Aleisha Khan, Senior Program Manager for **Portland Energy Conservation, Inc.** and will provide the compelling business case for RCx. For many, developing a persuasive financial discussion between owners and commissioning providers is the “next frontier” for RCx. This session will provide an overview of the RCx process, identify key obstacles for building owners, and address how RCx can be positioned as a win-win strategy. PECEI has been at the forefront of research, education and program development for RCx nationally. Aleisha Khan is currently leading PECEI activities to help building owners understand the value of commissioning; these include development of an RCx Guide for EPA’s ENERGY STAR® program and project work in New York, Vermont, and Connecticut.

The Owner’s Perspective on RCx

This session will provide participants with a glimpse at the perspective held by building owners and utility companies involved with the development and implementation of RCx projects. Through case studies and a discussion of lessons learned, participants will better understand the benefits and barriers to successful RCx.

- **RCx Case Studies** will be provided from recent RCx Pilot Programs with the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) and The Connecticut Energy Conservation Fund
- **Owner RCx Panel** will be moderated by Joseph J. McGee; Mr. McGee is Vice President, Public Policy and Programs for The Business Council of Fairfield County Connecticut, and was instrumental in orchestrating the Connecticut RCx Pilots. Owner participants include; the pharmaceutical company Purdue Pharma, LLP, Columbia University, The New York Mercantile Exchange, The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and The University of Massachusetts Amherst.

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12:30 – 1:30

Lunch

1:45 – 3:15

Resources for Successful RCx

The afternoon breakout sessions will provide technical information, resources and best practices to assist Owners and RCx Service providers in implementing a successful RCx project. Each breakout session will be conducted two times during the afternoon resources session, allowing participants to attend two of the three sessions. Sessions are designed to be smaller interactive groups that will allow participants to engage the presenter in more detailed discussions and address questions related to a specific RCx topical area.

Data Mining for Gold \$\$! (Paul Banks, B2Q Associates, Inc.)

Using the existing Building Automation System or portable data loggers to investigate how a building is actually being operated can be a very effective way to identify significant cost savings. Using real project data, Mr. Banks will present several examples of projects where significant opportunities were uncovered while reviewing trend logs. During this presentation Mr. Banks will also provide important time saving tips on creating and mining trend logs for these golden opportunities!

Benchmarking (Jennifer Chiodo, Cx Associates, LLC)

Learn how to easily evaluate the quality of your facilities' energy performance, determine whether it is a good candidate for retro-commissioning, and evaluate the impact of energy improvements on the bottom line.

Training & Online Resources (Aleisha Khan, PEI)

Develop an understanding of the wealth of resources available to those interested in undertaking an RCx project. From technical and engineering resources to assistance with project processes and funding, valuable assistance is readily available to those that know where and how to find it. Learn what these publicly-available tools and resources are, where to find them, and how to apply them to your projects.

3:15 – 4:00

RCx Utility & Energy Conservation Programs

The conference closes with the latest information on available funding and technical support from RCx Programs offered by energy efficiency programs throughout the Northeast. Program participants include: Efficiency Vermont, Connecticut Light & Power, NYSERDA, United Illuminating, National Grid, and NSTAR.

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