The German American Chamber of Commerce, Inc. is delighted to welcome you to our Energy Efficiency Award Challenge 2017, together with the five energy efficiency solution providers from Germany, who have been selected as today’s finalists. Between the site visit in the morning, the project presentations and expert speakers in the afternoon and the award ceremony later in the evening, this unique event is a perfect opportunity to become acquainted with energy efficiency solutions from Germany that are being used to improve energy efficiency and building quality in the United States.

The Award Challenge was created as part of the German Energy Solutions Initiative, sponsored by the German Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, to recognize the positive impact German businesses have in the U.S. building sector. It is designed to help German companies strengthen their position in the U.S market and make new connections within the U.S. sustainable building industry. The competition provides participating German companies with the chance to showcase their technologies and services that focus on increasing overall building performance across the U.S. We received many great applications, but there were five companies that especially distinguished themselves: 1100 Architect, Arnold Glas, Kaeser Compressors, MeteoViva and Transsolar. These five will present themselves and their projects today in hopes of winning the coveted Energy Efficiency Award.

Current market trends suggest that building owners and managers will invest $960 billion between now and 2023 on “greening” their existing building infrastructures. In terms of growth throughout the sustainable building industry, the U.S. is still lagging behind Germany and other European countries that prioritize reducing CO₂-emissions. The aforementioned trends towards a more sustainable and energy efficiency-focused method of building, coupled with the exemplary efforts to prioritize developments in this industry throughout Europe, have created increasing market opportunities in the U.S. for German companies in this field.

This Award Challenge is aimed at providing both applicants and attendees with the chance to learn more about energy efficient solutions from German manufacturers, as well as how they are being implemented in the U.S. building sector. We hope you enjoy our event and to the Award Challenge finalists, viel Glück!
The Energy Efficiency Award Challenge is a celebration of innovative German energy-efficient solutions in buildings across the U.S. It is a great opportunity to promote successful German-U.S. partnerships, which have led to increased building quality, reduced energy costs and lower CO2 emission levels in the U.S. The five innovative projects, which are being showcased in the framework of the Energy Efficiency Award Challenge, present the U.S. as an attractive location for German companies seeking concrete partnerships and market opportunities.

The advanced technologies, know-how and expertise from the German companies involved in these projects conducted in the U.S. are representative of a wider success story: Germany is a world leader in the field of energy efficiency. Cutting-edge German technology is featured in all energy efficiency market segments, including insulation systems, insulated glazing, heating and cooling technologies, efficient home appliances, smart metering, energy-efficient lighting systems, cogeneration systems, as well as pumps and compressed air systems. German companies generate a turnover of about €66 billion per year in this industry, and double-digit growth rates are expected in the coming years.

Since 2002, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy has successfully supported German-American partnership via the German Energy Solutions Initiative. The U.S. market has proved to be very open to German suppliers of energy-efficient products, systems and services. Since this initiative was launched in 2002, the German American Chamber of Commerce has been active in creating and hosting successful cooperation platforms such as trade missions, study tours and innovation seminars. This Showcase project is a first for the U.S. and it gives the German Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy a welcome opportunity to celebrate some great examples of German-American partnership in the building sector.

Christina Wittek
Head of Division
German Energy Solutions Initiative
Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

Brita Wagener
Consul General, German Consulate General New York

Before assuming duties as German Consul General in New York, Brita Wagener served as German Ambassador to Iraq (2012 to 2014), as Consul General in Istanbul (2009–2012), as Commissioner for German Personnel in International Organizations at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin (2006–2009), and as Minister Plenipotentiary/Deputy Head of Mission at the German Embassy in Cairo, Egypt (2003–2006).

Prior to this, Mrs. Wagener held various positions both in the Headquarters of the German Federal Foreign Office in Germany and abroad. Amongst others, she was Counsellor of Economic and Commercial Affairs at the German Embassy in Tel Aviv, Counsellor of Political Affairs at the German Embassy in New Delhi and Second Secretary for Legal and Consular Affairs at the German Embassy in Cairo. Mrs. Wagener studied law at both the University of Bonn and at the University of Hamburg. She has been a fully qualified lawyer since 1983.
Speakers & Moderator

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Dietmar Rieg
President & CEO, German American Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
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Agenda

Energy Efficiency Presentation Event

3:00 pm  Words of Welcome & Introduction
Brita Wagener, Consul General, German Consulate General New York
Dietmar Rieg, President & CEO, German American Chamber of Commerce New York, Inc.

3:05 pm  Energy Efficiency in the U.S. with focus on New York
Bruce S. Fowle, FAIA, LEED AP, Founding Principal, FXFOWLE Architects

3:35 pm  Showcase 1 – Riverside Health Center, NY
Juergen Rehme, FAIA, RDA, Founding Principal, 1100 Architect

3:50 pm  Showcase 2 – Vassar College Integrated Science Center, NY
Stefan Marshall-Goebel, General Manager, Arnold Glass, Corp.

4:05 pm  Short Break

4:15 pm  Showcase 3 – UniFirst Industrial Laundry
Distribution Center, KY
Michael Cambier, Marketing Services Manager, Kaeser Compressors, Inc.

4:30 pm  Showcase 4 – American University, McKinley Building, Washington DC
Jean-Marie Bergeaud, Vice President North America, Meteoviva

4:45 pm  Showcase 5 - Loyola University Chicago Campus, IL
Pratik Raval, Associate Director, Transsolar, Inc.

5:00 pm  Energy Efficiency in Germany
Oliver Baumann, President, Baumann Consulting

Energy Efficiency Award Ceremony & Evening Reception

5:45 pm  Networking

6:15 pm  Energy Efficiency Award Presentation

6:35 pm  Celebration of the Award Winner & Networking

7:30 pm  End of the Event

Site Visit - Energy Efficiency: Made in Germany

12:15 pm Departure
1:00 pm Harlem Passive House
Guided tour of a Harlem Passive House:
• Cramer Silksworth, Chief Engineer, Baukraft Engineering PLLC
• Clemens von Reitzstein, Founder, Bruce Enterprises, LLC

2:15 pm  Depart for the Award Challenge

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The Jury

A huge thanks to all the Energy Efficiency Award Challenge submissions. The high standard of applications made it difficult to determine our five finalists and ultimately our Energy Efficiency Award Winner. Thankfully, we are being supported with this difficult task by our expert panel of judges consisting of energy efficiency and green building professionals in the New York area. The Award Challenge culminates today with the showcase in front of our jury and an award ceremony at our evening reception where the Energy Efficiency Award Winner will be announced.

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Riverside Health Center

Project Description

Riverside Health Center, part of NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Riverside Health Center supports the department’s mission of providing community-based health services. 1100 Architect’s renovation and expansion of the Riverside Health Center transformed what had been a grossly inefficient mid-century building into a vibrant community anchor and exemplary of energy efficiency. A public facility managed by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Riverside Health Center supports the department’s mission of providing community-based health services.

Energy Efficiency Achieved

1100 Architect’s approach to minimizing Riverside Health Center’s environmental footprint, considering energy consumption, water conservation, material selection, and healthy living. The Riverside Health Center uses over 50% recycled materials and sourced 45% from regional producers. Additionally, over 85% of construction waste was diverted from the landfill. To reduce the amount of water diverted to the sewer system in times of intense rainfall, a water retention system was installed. The roof had been a grossly inefficient mid-century building that improved the health of individuals and the Bloomingdale neighborhood in aggregate.

Reference Project Address

Riverside Health Center, 1100 Architect PC
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Showcase 1

Degree of Innovation

1100 Architect’s efforts to provide a building that is not only responsible to the environment but also actively makes the lives of its occupants better sets Riverside Health Center apart. 1100 Architect partnered with the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs Percent for Art Program to commission artist Richard Artschwager to design orange terra cotta tiles that wrapped the main circulation core. This art piece serves a dual function: it incentivizes users to engage with the stairs instead of the elevator and it gives the community a sense of stewardship and pride in their community amenities. This design decision culminated in the development of a new LEED Innovation Credit for Active Design. The credit was awarded for the building’s encouragement of physical activity that quantifiably provides health and environmental benefits primarily through the use of stairs in lieu of the elevator. These strategies ultimately became part of NYC’s Active Design Guidelines.

Overall environmental Impact of the Project

1100 Architect took a holistic approach to minimizing Riverside Health Center’s environmental footprint, considering energy consumption, water conservation, material selection, and healthy living. As architects, 1100 Architect recognizes the value of rehabilitating an existing structure as opposed to building from scratch. Their approach to materials was twofold: First, to retain as much building mass as was appropriate. Second, to source new materials that are made from recycled content and, wherever possible, from regional sources. The Riverside Health Center uses over 50% recycled materials and sourced 45% from regional producers, including much of the flooring and steel structure for the expansion of the third floor. Additionally, over 85% of construction waste was diverted from the landfill.

The floor through the building is made from a unique 100% recycled end-grain wood which is both sustainable and durable. All the millwork in the building was done in bamboo, a renewable material, and the doors of all the offices used a bamboo veneer. All additional steel used on the project was made from 70% recycled material.

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Project Description
Installed product: Insulating glass units, featuring bird protection and thermal insulation in architectural buildings.

Installed technology: Bird protection glass ORNILUX including low-Emissivity coating for excellent thermal insulation, optimized lighting characteristics, and bird window collision protection.

With ORNILUX, Arnold Glas has developed an environmental product that serves more than a single function. ORNILUX provides excellent thermal performance and bird window collision protection. It has expanded the green building industry focus to include wildlife conservation.

Energy Efficiency achieved
Amount of glass used: approx. 10,000 sq ft
This energy efficient insulating glass offers a reduced energy loss of 1.1W/m²/K and thereby reduces the heat loss and saves energy on heating in winter. While transmitting 75% visible light, the solar heat gain is reduced to 55% and thereby reduces the energy used by cooling the inside of the building with air conditioning units in the summer.

Overall environmental Impact
The Problem of Bird Window Collisions:
Researchers estimate that hundreds of millions of birds are killed each year in North America due to collisions with glass on human-built structures, making bird collisions one of the most significant causes of avian mortality globally. The bird window collisions present a global challenge as more and more glass is being utilized in architecture, especially with green building practices that focus on energy efficiency through the use of natural light. This translates to an increasing use of glass in design and therefore more dangerous conditions for birds.

It is the reflective and transparent characteristics of glass that create the danger for birds, as they cannot see it as a barrier. They fly to sky and trees reflected by or on the other side of a window or railing and collide fatally with the glass. To prevent these collisions, glass must somehow be made visible to birds.

The environmental impact of ORNILUX is one of avian conservation by helping to reduce the number of bird window collisions as well as offering high thermal performance with a secondary low-E or solar control coating. The UV reflective, patterned ORNILUX coating offers a visual marker to alert birds to the presence of the glass while maintaining a high level of transparency to the human eye.

Given the unique nature of the ORNILUX product, our perspective on "investment" is that it is an environmental investment which does not necessarily translate to a traditional "financial return on investment." The investment goal with ORNILUX was avian conservation, to reduce the numbers of bird collision kills. Additionally, ORNILUX is paired with a low-E coating which increases the environmental investment because of the energy savings.

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Short Project Description
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Reference Project Address
UniFirst Corporation, 2801 UniFirst Drive, Owensboro, KY 42301

Energy Efficiency Achieved
After implementing Kaeser’s recommended solution, UniFirst reduced their Total Energy Consumption from 223,093 kWh/yr to 120,461 kWh/yr. Energy costs were cut from $16,732 annually to $9,035. This is especially significant since UniFirst’s demand for compressed air actually increased after installing the new equipment. Additionally, the KPI of specific performance (kW/100 cfm) was reduced from 40.98 kW/100 cfm to 21.56 kW/100 cfm.

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Overall environmental Impact of the Project
The maximum power consumption, annual energy consumption, annual energy costs, and specific power have all been reduced. Additionally, AIRCENTER packages feature a space-saving design so the overall system footprint was reduced. UniFirst was able to locate the system on a mezzanine, freeing up valuable plant floor space.

The total annual energy savings are $7,697 - a 46% savings. UniFirst will also have savings from reduced maintenance. Their previous system was not properly controlled and was oversized, causing the compressors to needlessly cycle on and off. This cycling puts additional wear and tear on the motors and valves, increasing maintenance intervals and costs. Other areas of savings will be from: more stable system pressure, reduced scrap rate, equipment uptime - which are all results from installing the Sigma Air Manager 4.0.

Compressed air is vital to manufacturing processes, yet it is costly to produce. The US Department of Energy estimates that half of all compressed air generated is wasted. By beginning their system redesign with a comprehensive compressed air audit, UniFirst was able to see their actual plant demand and better understand their system’s dynamics. This facilitated designing a system that would best meet their needs, improve uptime, and deliver ongoing energy savings.
American University, McKinley Building

**Project Description**
American University (AU) received a full installation of MeteoViva Climate for their McKinley building. MeteoViva Climate connects to the AU BMS and incorporates all climate relevant equipment in the building. It assesses the thermodynamics of the building, knows its usage patterns and internal loads, understands the effects of external temperature, sun and wind on the indoor climate and knows what the weather will be for the next three days. With this information MeteoViva Climate calculates the optimal control data for the HVAC equipment. MeteoViva installed the MeteoViva Climate connector and did the thermodynamical modeling of the McKinley Building.

**Reference Project Address**
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1401 Massachusetts Ave. NW,
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**Short Project Description**
American University (AU) received a full installation of MeteoViva Climate for their McKinley building. MeteoViva Climate connects to the AU BMS and incorporates all climate relevant equipment in the building. It assesses the thermodynamics of the building, knows its usage patterns and internal loads, understands the effects of external temperature, sun and wind on the indoor climate and knows what the weather will be for the next three days. With this information MeteoViva Climate calculates the optimal control data for the HVAC equipment. MeteoViva installed the MeteoViva Climate connector and did the thermodynamical modeling of the McKinley Building.

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MeteoViva Climate (MVC) first started running in the McKinley building on March 4th 2016. A bi-weekly alternating schedule (with the existing control strategy) was used during the first 16 weeks. The results were such that on June 24th 2016, Management decided to run MeteoViva continuously. Within the evaluation period of the last 12 months, MVC reduced energy costs for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) from $133,271 to $85,025, representing savings of $48,245, or 36%. Furthermore, MeteoViva Climate helped detect significant malfunctions in the HVAC operation. These were addressed by AU’s Building Automation and Energy Management Staff. In addition, the linked reduction in carbon dioxide emissions helps AU in achieving its Climate Plan goal of carbon neutrality by 2020.

**Overall environmental Impact of the Project**
The reduced energy costs for heating, cooling and ventilation of $48,117,245, or 36% are also linked to a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions. MeteoViva has requested the energy mix of AU to precisely define the effect on CO₂ emissions. Based on the data of the 65 buildings currently managed by MeteoViva, they estimate the carbon emission reduction to be around 36% for this building.

**Degree of Innovation**
MeteoViva optimizes energy consumption of large buildings through a patented software. The software is own intellectual property but is based on standard software (MatLab simulation). Unlike the competition MeteoViva is the only forward looking simulation algorithm that takes all influencing factors for the indoor climate of the building into account and uses an existing HVAC to control the heating, cooling and ventilation equipment without adding additional hardware to the building. MeteoViva Climate saves between 15-40% of energy. Their fees are solely based on the success of their clients, i.e. we charge 1/3 of the energy savings as monthly subscription.

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Loyola University Chicago Campus

Project Description
In the last years Transsolar collaborated with SCB to design six new campus buildings that fulfill the client’s ambitious sustainability goals. By carefully taking into consideration the different site factors, programmatic requirements and energy targets Transsolar developed climate and energy concepts for each building to ensure highly comfortable environments and low energy consumption. Passive strategies such as natural cross ventilation driven by stack-effect in a central atrium or double facade which act as insulating layer in winter were integrated in the concepts. Furthermore Transsolar performed daylight and advanced thermal simulations to analyze, validate and optimize the performance of the developed concepts.

Reference Project Address
Loyola University Chicago, 1032 W Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60660

Energy Efficiency achieved
All six buildings already achieved or are targeted for a LEED Silver or Gold certification; two are ready for a net-zero operation.

The implemented technologies and concepts reduce the energy consumption of the buildings by 33-61% compared to the then valid ASHRAE energy code.

• Institute of Environmental Sustainability
  Year of implementation: 2013
  Annual Energy demand: 72 kBtu/ sf / year – a 49% reduction compared to ASHRAE 90.1-2007

• John and Kathy Schweitzer Center – Quinlan School of Business
  Year of implementation: 2015
  Annual Energy demand: 28 kBtu/ sf / year – a 63% reduction compared to ASHRAE 90.1-2007

• Center for Translational Research and Education
  Year of implementation: 2016
  Annual Energy demand: 247 kBtu/ sf / year – a 33% reduction compared to ASHRAE 90.1-2010

Degree of Innovation
Beginning with the Klarchek Information Commons, each project builds on lessons learned from the previous projects. In this way novel approaches such as hybrid ventilation, radiant heating and cooling, exterior automated operable shading, solar chimneys, interconnected airflow paths between spaces, central atriums integrated in a performance concept, and prioritizing daylight in all occupied spaces have become standard practice at Loyola, without need for extensive discussion and acceptance of implementation on each project. This is a major contributor to Loyola’s reputation as a leader in sustainable campus development and operations.

Overall environmental Impact of the Project
All six buildings combined have a GFA (= gross floor area) of 765 500 sf. By developing and implementing the proposed energy and climate concepts the combined annual energy demand of the buildings has been reduced by approximately 54 million kBtu – resulting in CO2 emission savings roughly equivalent to taking off 1,800 cars off the road or the energy use of 900 American homes.

In addition, the six project are an important contributor to Loyola’s overall reduction of carbon emissions by 38% from their 2008 baseline.
Passive House Retrofit in Harlem, NY

During the site visit, a work-in-progress, residential Passive House retrofit, was toured in the Harlem neighborhood of the Manhattan borough. By applying Passive House principles, a complete renovation and transformation of a circa-1900 masonry row house into a modern, comfortable, and efficient two-family building is being performed.

While retaining its historic charm, the building is being prepared for another century of life by utilizing air barriers, super-insulated assemblies and highly efficient heating, cooling, hot water and heat recovery ventilation systems.

Occupants will enjoy consistently comfortable temperatures, humidity, and air quality free of allergens and pollutants while reducing their energy bills by up to 75-90%.

Renovation work by Brace Enterprises, LLC is several months into the project timeline, just enough for you to appreciate the extent of the demolition, yet far enough for you to appreciate the Passive House design coming to life!

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• capacity building

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