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CUNY Building Performance Lab & NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services Hold Second Annual Certification Renewal Fair for Municipal Facility Managers

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NEW YORK, NY – CUNY BP Lab is pleased to announce that yesterday it held the second annual BOC Certification Renewal Fair for more than 200 building operations employees working in a range of City of New York agencies. The event was designed to give them an opportunity to renew their Building Operator Certification (BOC) and more than three times the participants as last year's fair. DCAS Energy Management division, which is leading the City's efforts to reduce energy use in municipal buildings, sponsored the fair.

Building Operator Certification is a nationally-recognized curriculum and certification which trains building operators to understand and improve the energy use, system efficiency, and overall performance of their properties.

In 2010, CUNY BP Lab began partnering with the NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) and other city agencies to train more than 1,500 city employees in the BOC curriculum. The Renewal Fair is an opportunity not only to earn credits toward their renewal requirements, but to reconnect with their fellow BOC graduates, share experiences with real-world projects inspired by what they learned in the program, and explore new and emerging topics in building energy efficiency sessions.

"This year we were excited to offer classes on leading-edge practices, such as Building Re-Tuning and data visualization for diagnostics, in addition to classes on essential skills, such as Excel for building operators," Daniella Leifer, BP Lab's Manager of Training and Compliance Programs, said.

Participants were also invited to visit the new Technology Lending Library, where they could familiarize themselves with some of the field equipment and building software available to them through BP Lab.

About CUNY BP Lab: Established in 2006, BP Lab is part of the CUNY Institute for Urban Systems, which is led at City College by Robert "Buz" Paaswell, Distinguished Professor of Engineering.

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