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The Department of Codes & Building Safety issued a permit to the Metro Nashville Airport Authority (MNA) for \$85 million for the new consolidated rental car facility, or CONRAC. This is one of the largest building permits in Metro History. The **CONRAC** facility is part of the Airport Authority's effort to upgrade the Nashville International Airport's existing rental car operations and to make the facility more customer-friendly. Construction of the more than 900,000-square-foot facility will begin this month, and the projected opening date is November 2011.

CONRAC will be located in the Long Term A lot, adjacent to the existing short-term parking garage. When construction is complete, rental car companies will be relocated from their current locations in the short-term garage and terminal areas to the new facility. This move will free up approximately 600 additional parking spaces in the short-term garage.

The completed facility will include numerous environmentally sustainable features: the use of recycled water for washing rental cars, energy-efficient lighting, a lighting-management system to adjust lighting levels based on natural lighting, and a greenscreen wall covered in vegetation. In addition, the new facility will save approximately 800,000 miles of driving per year and will reduce auto emissions, since rental cars will no longer be sent off-site for servicing and refueling.



Artists rendering of new Consolidated Rental Car Facility

CONRAC HIGHLIGHTS:

- Three-level concrete structure housing 2,400 rental cars
- Covered entry plaza on first level provides access to the terminal
- Up to 21,000 square feet of covered walkways
- Escalators, elevators and moving walkways for quick access to each level
- Quick-turnaround facility with car wash bays and fueling stations
- Space for 10 rental car companies

For up-to-date information about airport construction, visit www.flynashville.com and sign up for AIRreport, the airport's e-newsletter. Or, tune in to the airport's radio station at 1610 AM.

Terry Cobb Named ICC Region 8, Code Official of the Year

Terry Cobb was named Code Official of the Year for 2009 for the (ICC) Region 8 Chapter. The announcement was made during the ICC Region 8 annual conference.



Presenting Cobb with the Code Official of the Year Award is Jeff Britt, Code Official of Robeson County, NC and Chairman of the Region 8 Awards Committee

Region 8 represents the four state area of Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Cobb, Director of the Department of Codes and Building Safety has served as director of the department since his appointment in 1990. He is a graduate of Tennessee Tech University, B.S. Degree in Business Management; lifelong resident of Nashville,

Tennessee; formerly engaged in residential construction and development as a Licensed General Contractor, also real estate investments, property management, sales and marketing.



Terry serves as the "Building Official" for Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County and is certified by the Council of American Building Officials as a Certified Building Official (CBO). He was named "Building Official of the Year" in 1995 by the Tennessee Building Officials Association (TBOA) and was named "Local Government Official of the Year" in 1994 by the National Association of Home Builders of the U.S. Terry was elected President of TBOA for 1997.

He has served on the Board of Directors of the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc. and the Board of Directors of the International Code Council, Inc.

FEE INCREASE UP-DATE

The Metropolitan Council has approved, on third reading, Bill No. 2010-642 which will increase fees relating to building permits, gas/mechanical permits, plumbing permits and electrical permits as well as fees relating to inspections, re-inspections, examination of plans, refunds and administrative fees and other fees charged by the Department of Codes and Building Safety.

The bill was recommended for approval by the Budget and Finance Committee and the Codes, Fair and Farmers Market Committee of the Metropolitan Council.

The effective date for implementation will be May 1, 2010.

When the revised fee schedule goes into effect, current applications (which have all plans submitted prior to May 1) will be assessed under the "old fee schedule" for a period of approximately 60 days. Applications for permits and plans submitted on or after May 1, 2010, will be assessed at the newly approved rates.

Follow this link to more about the proposed increases and all related information: http://www.nashville.gov/ds/codes_and_regs.asp

Financing Complete for Music City Center

High Demand for Bonds Drives Down Interest Costs

Mayor Karl Dean announced today that the financing deal for Music City Center, Nashville's new downtown convention center, is complete.

The bonds sold yesterday with higher-than-expected demand from investors, and Marty Dickens, chair of the Convention Center Authority, signed the bond purchase agreement today with Goldman Sachs, senior underwriter for the bonds.

The bond proceeds total \$623 million, which will cover the cost of construction at \$415 million, as well as the cost of design, land and development. The financing also includes a \$40 million reserve fund, which is equal to the annual maximum debt service for the project.

"The high level of interest from investors actually helped us lower the cost of the debt," Nashville Mayor Karl Dean said. "I have always been confident in our financing plan for Music City Center and in the viability of the project. The market has now validated that confidence. I look forward to seeing construction progress and to seeing the doors open in 2013."

The bonds were oversubscribed more than 2.5 times, which drove down the interest rate over the course of the sale. The

interest rates on the bonds were further reduced through the use of Build America Bonds, which were made available by the federal government through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Of the \$623 million in total project cost, over \$571 million is being financed using Build America Bonds.



More than 50 investors, such as insurance companies and fund managers, purchased the Build America Bonds. The remaining \$52 million was financed using tax-exempt revenue bonds. A vast majority of the tax-exempt bonds were sold to individuals or money managers in Tennessee.

"I appreciate the great effort Mayor Dean and his finance team made by traveling to various East coast cities last week to generate interest from investors in these bonds – the work certainly paid off," Dickens said. "Their job is now done, and it's up to the Authority to ensure this project is delivered on time and on budget."

For more information about Music City Center, visit www.nashvillemusiccitycenter.com.

Employee Highlights

Jim Guschke Receives Promotion

Codes inspectors usually bring a specific skill set to the position when joining the staff at Metro Codes & Building Safety and are assigned inspection responsibilities within their area of expertise. Each codes inspector is also required to be certified within their area assigned area of expertise.



Jim Guschke, a eight year veteran of the department has just completed the requirements for multiple certifications in building, plumbing, mechanical and electrical inspection. He is now certified as a 'Combination Inspector', and has received a promotion. Jim's "Combination Inspector" certification includes credentials in both residential and commercial construction. He is the second inspector within the department to achieve this level of certification.

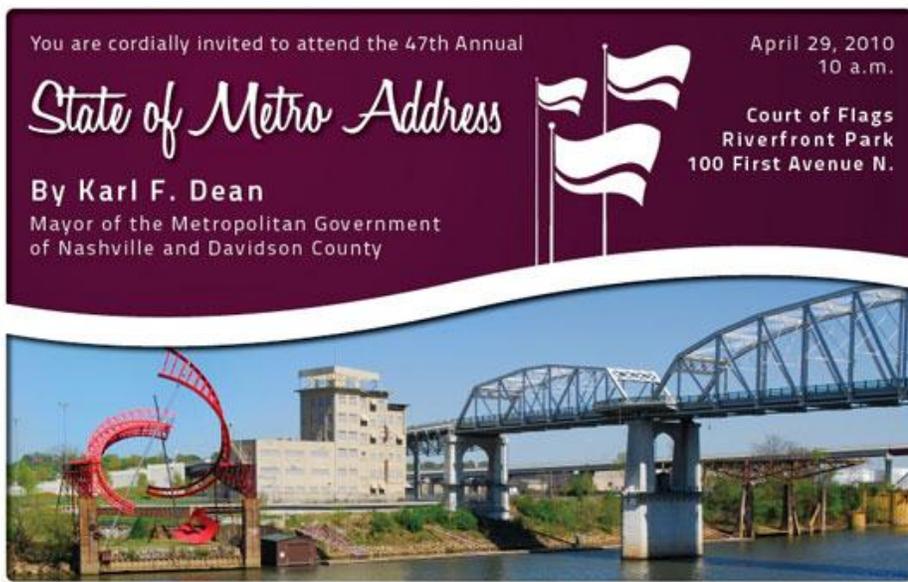
I started work with Codes Administration December 2002 in the Property Standards Division on the flex team. Prior to completing 6 months probationary employment I trans-

ferred to Building Inspections, performing residential inspections. Previous employment included stints with Har-daway Construction Co. as an estimator, Joe M. Rodgers & Associates as a project coordinator, Blount International, Inc. as an office engineer, EMJ Corporations as a project manager and General Masonry as special projects manager, spanning 25 years.

Jim completed certifications required for State certification in 2004 and continued to take exams for additional certifications qualifying for Building Inspector II in 2006. Passed Commercial Plumbing exam in December 2009 and received Combination Inspector certification in February 2010.

Have resided in Donelson for 25 years with wife Keven, son James age 27 and daughter Kate 22. Active member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church and have been an adult leader of Boy Scout Troop 30 for 17 years and has become my life hobby through primitive camping and backpacking. Son James became a member of Troop 30 in 1993 and made Rank of Eagle in 1998. Kate is currently a student in nursing at Aquinas College. She will complete requirements for graduation in 2011.

Mayor To Deliver State of Metro on April 29



To request an ADA accommodation please call 862-6034

You are cordially invited to attend the 47th Annual State of Metro Address by Karl F. Dean, Mayor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County



April 29, 2010, 10 a.m.
Court of Flags, Riverfront Park, 100
First Avenue, North

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10 IMPORTANT TIPS to remember for green and sustainable building



- 1 Replace ordinary light bulbs with CFL bulbs. If every household replaced just one light bulb with a CFL bulb, America could save enough energy to light nearly three million homes.
- 2 Close curtains and shades at night to keep warmth in and keep them open during the day.
- 3 Try new lighting control technologies like motion-sensitive or timed off switch lighting. Using these new options can reduce lighting use by 50% - 75% and save the lighting portion of energy bills that account for 11% of overall household energy consumption.
- 4 Heating and cooling uses more energy and drains more energy dollars than any other system in the home. Approximately 43% of utility bills cover heating and cooling.
- 5 Install a programmable thermostat to keep your home comfortably warm in the winter and comfortably cool in the summer.
- 6 Replacing windows can save between 7% and 24% of the household heating and air-conditioning costs.
- 7 Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips, and turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use as TVs and DVDs in standby mode still consume several watts of power.
- 8 Choosing energy-efficient products can save families approximately \$400 a year while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Choose ENERGY STAR® certified products when you buy or replace household appliances.
- 9 In the workplace, buy and use ENERGY STAR labeled office equipment, and other products. Be sure that the "stand-by mode" function is activated as this automatic "sleep mode" saves energy and money when the equipment is not in use.
- 10 Regularly change the HVAC filters in the heating and cooling system of your home or office as dirty filters can cost up to \$5 a month extra, overwork the equipment and result in dirtier indoor air. Consider purchasing "electrostatic" filters, which are washable, long lasting, and provide cleaner air. Clean or change filters more often if smokers or pollution sources are present.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy (www.eere.energy.gov/),
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (www.epa.gov/RDEE/energy-and-you/small-business/small-business2.html)

International Codes Council offers free version of International Green Construction Code (IGCC)



Dear Members and Stakeholders:

On Monday March 15 the International Code Council posted a free, downloadable version of our new, International Green Construction Code (IGCC) Public Version 1.0 on their website, made possible with the help of Cooperating Sponsors, the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and ASTM International. Also posted was a read-only version of ANSI/ASHRAE/USGBC/IES Standard 189.1, now offered as an alternative jurisdictional requirement within the IGCC.

The IGCC is the first-ever code to address regulation of green construction, providing a baseline that integrates with the I-Codes and addresses building performance along with resource conservation, construction and operations impacts, and water and air quality issues.

The ICC's IGCC is in Word format to allow you to participate easily in our Public Comment period, which runs through May 15 and will result in August hearings. The PDF version of the IGCC Version 1.0 is offered as an immediately useable resource tool for jurisdictions amending existing codes or writing green codes in the immediate timeframe. Please share this information with your colleagues and give us your comments.

Many jurisdictions focused on green code legislation will be able to use the same model code resource that they count on to keep their communities safe and sustainable.



NES RECEIVES ELECTRIC INDUSTRY'S HIGHEST NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Nashville Electric Service is one of only six public electric utilities in the nation to receive the electric industry's highest designation this year for areas such as reliability and safety.

NES was awarded the American Public Power Association's Reliable Public Power Providers (RP3®) Diamond status.

Utilities were judged on four criteria – reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement – with RP3 Diamond status attained by those meeting 100 percent of these requirements. Eighty-eight utilities were given RP3 Platinum and Gold designations for scoring 90 percent and 80 percent, respectively.

"It's an honor to be a national RP3 Diamond designee and to join the approximately 4 percent of the nation's public utilities that have achieved this status," said Decosta Jenkins, NES president and CEO. "This recognition is a tremendous testimony to both the quality work of our employees and the support and leadership of our board and employee/management team.

RP3 Diamond, Platinum and Gold designations were announced at the APPA's annual Engineering & Operational



Technical Conference in Omaha, Neb., on March 29. The program is in its fifth year.

"The RP3 designation represents a high level of service to communities all over the country," said Michael Hyland, vice president of Engineering Services for the APPA. "These 94 utilities stand out as models of safe and reliable utility operations."

NES received the RP3 Platinum designation in 2006 and 2008. The utility will hold the RP3 Diamond status for two years.

Located in Washington, D.C., the APPA is the national organization representing more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community- and state-owned electric utilities.

ABOUT NASHVILLE ELECTRIC SERVICE

Nashville Electric Service is one of the 12 largest public electric utilities in the nation, distributing energy to more than 357,000 customers in Middle Tennessee. For more information about NES, visit www.nespower.com.

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Terry Cobb and Wade Hill welcome your feedback on our e-newsletter. Please send your comments to [Wade Hill](mailto:wade.hill@nashville.gov), at wade.hill@nashville.gov
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**Save The Date
October 2nd
Codes Announces
Annual Golf Tournament**

The 14th Annual Metro Codes Charity Golf Tournament will be held on October 2, 2010 at the Ted Rhodes Golf Course.

Last year's tournament, through the support of 128 golfers and 99 sponsors, resulted in \$23,000 being donated to local charities through the Metro Employees Consolidated Charities Campaign (MECCC).

This year, all proceeds will again go to the MECCC for the benefit of local charities, Easter Seals Camp Programs and the Harris-Hillman School.

