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SBIC Celebrates Earth Day and School Building Week on Capitol Hill

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WASHINGTON, DC - Members of the Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC) will deliver two presentations on high-performance buildings on Capitol Hill this month. **Scott Sklar**, Co-Chair of the SBIC Policy Committee and President of The Stella Group, Ltd., will be a workshop presenter at the Senate Energy & Environment Showcase. **Gary Bailey, AIA**, SBIC Secretary and Officer and Owner of Innovative Design, Inc., will speak at the Energy and Environmental Study Institute's (EESI) briefing on improving education and energy use.

The [Senate Energy & Environment Showcase](#) will take place on April 21st from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM at the Senate Park (Rain Location: SH-902 and SR-301). The event will highlight the energy and sustainability initiatives of the Architect of the Capitol, the Secretary of the Senate, and the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). Speakers include U.S. Senators, Acting Architect of the Capitol Stephen Ayers, AIA, LEED AP, Coordinator of the Solar Decathlon Cecile Warner of NREL, and leaders from the renewable energy industry. Scott Sklar lives in a solar home, works in a renewable energy powered Virginia office building, and has designed a unique solar photovoltaic system for his Washington office, which is one block from the White House., Mr. Sklar will address optimizing existing commercial technologies for high-performance buildings at the Showcase. He is scheduled to speak on behalf of SBIC at 2:00 PM.

On April 30th, EESI will host an educational briefing in conjunction with School Building Week titled "[High Performance Green Schools: Improving Education and Creating a Clean Energy Future](#)." The briefing will take place at 2:00 PM at the Russell Senate Office Building, Room 253. Mr. Bailey, a longtime instructor for SBIC's High-Performance School Buildings Program, will describe high-performance school buildings and their benefits and explain the connection between school curriculum and school design. He will also present lessons included in SBIC's [High-Performance School Buildings Resource & Strategy Guide](#). In addition to Mr. Bailey, speakers will include: Sue Robertson, President of the Council of Educational Facility Planners International; C.H. ("Sonny") Savoie, President of the National School Boards Association; Charles J. Saylor, President-elect of the National Parent Teacher Association; and, Blanche Sheinkopf of PartnersGREEN and former National Coordinator for the U.S. Department of Energy's EnergySmart Schools Program.

Both events are free and open to the public. No registration is required.

In addition to these activities, SBIC is an active member of the High-Performance Buildings Congressional Caucus Coalition. To learn more about the Coalition's upcoming events, please visit its [Web site](#).

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