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ASHRAE Atlanta Chapter

# NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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## ASHRAE GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS GRAND OPENING

ASHRAE Global Headquarters Opening was November 18th with a great ribbon-cutting ceremony and tour of the new facility. We will continue to have our monthly chapter meetings here!

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## CHAPTER MEETINGS

### NEXT CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE IN JANUARY 2022

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# GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Government Affairs Committee (GAC) organizes ASHRAE members to educate local, state, and national government bodies and officials about issues relating to the HVAC&R industry and promotes effective cooperation between ASHRAE members and government. Check out ASHRAE's advocacy resources: https://www.ashrae.org/about/government-affairs/public-policy-resources

## ASHRAE Atlanta Advocacy Week: December 6-10, 2021

Remember our annual trips to the State Capitol? This year, we're going virtual, and you're invited. **It's easy to set up a 15' meeting with your elected officials and introduce them to ASHRAE.** We provide an email template, ASHRAE slide deck, and support from your GAC Chair or ASHRAE Staff – all you have to do is contact your legislators and ask for a meeting during our Advocacy Week. Contact GAC Chair Meghan McNulty to get started.

## Participate in the national K-12 school indoor air quality survey, from USGBC & ASHRAE

The Center for Green Schools, with technical support from ASHRAE, is conducting a national survey to understand how indoor air quality (IAQ) strategies have been used by schools in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The short, 20-minute survey should be taken by a school district facilities manager or someone closely familiar with school district facility management. The Center for Green Schools is seeking one response per public K-12 school district.

Without national data about the implementation of IAQ measures in schools, support and resources for schools—as well as regulations—are formulated in the dark. The survey data that is collected will be anonymized and will inform a national report that will:

- Contribute to a national understanding of IAQ implementation in schools
- Help local, state, and federal policymakers understand what is needed on the ground
- Give NGOs, researchers, and government officials an understanding of the decision-making process that school districts are going through related to IAQ, COVID relief funding, and facilities upgrades

Contribute your voice. Take the survey by November 30th.

# ASHRAE at COP26

ASHRAE participated in the 26th United Nations Climate Conference in Glasgow, Scotland. ASHRAE 2021-22 Treasurer Ginger Scoggins (from the Triangle Chapter in NC; second from left in photo) joined Architecture 2030's event, *62% by 2030, ZERO by 2040: Top 200 Global Firms and Organizations Lead With 1.5 °C Climate Actions* on November 10th. You can watch the event here

# Congress Passes Infrastructure Bill

On November 5, the House of Representatives passed the $1.2 Trillion **Infrastructure Bill** with a 228 to 206 vote. The infrastructure package will

provide $550 billion in new spending on roads, bridges, airports, harbors, and ports, electric vehicle charging stations, broadband, water systems, the electric grid, buildings, and addresses other policies. Provisions relevant to the HVACR industry include:

- $235 million in funding for cost-effective code implementation for energy efficiency and resilience, along with building training and assessment centers.
- Creation of an Energy Auditor Training Grant Program funded at $40 million that specifically lists ASHRAE's Building Energy Assessment Professional certification among others.
- $500 million in school facility funding including for improvements to energy efficiency, indoor air quality, and renewable energy at public school facilities.
- $50 million for an "Energy Efficiency Materials" pilot program for non-profit organizations to improve the energy performance of their buildings including through HVAC and lighting systems.
- Funding for Weatherization Assistance and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

The Senate passed the infrastructure bill in August so it will now be sent to the President's desk for his signature.

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# JOB POSTINGS

### Servidyne - Associate Engineer

Servidyne is an engineering company specializing in energy conservation and sustainability consulting for the built environment. The Associate Engineer provides consulting engineering services to clients in the existing commercial, institutional, and industrial building sectors.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Develops client relationships on the basis of demonstrated technical excellence, creativity, integrity and customer service.
- Performs analyses of building energy use, including development of energy targets.
- Performs surveys of MEP systems in existing buildings to assess equipment condition, life expectancy, maintenance quality and budget replacement costs.
- Performs preliminary and in-depth energy audits, with supervision.
- Consults with clients to provide a technical and economic basis for equipment repair/replace decisions.
- Writes and presents reports to communicate results of engineering work to client management and technical personnel.

**EDUCATION, SKILLS & EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

- BS in Engineering, or equivalent demonstrated technical training.
- Engineer in Training (EIT) registration.
- 0 - 3 years of experience in work related to building HVAC and energy systems.
- Technical competence to perform the above duties and responsibilities.
- Written and oral communication proficiency to perform the above duties.

Interested parties should submit resumes to info@Servidyne.com.

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