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Grant by U.S. Rep. Charles Taylor Funds Energy Workshop at A-B Tech

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College will host and co-sponsor two energy savings workshops at its Enka campus Nov. 10 and 11. Under a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy facilitated by U.S. Rep. Charles Taylor, A-B Tech is able to bring in experts from Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Bob Baugh and Terry Sharp, to present a workshop on the topic of Performance Contracting.

Performance Contracting is an alternative financing program that enables colleges, school districts, government and industry to finance energy saving building retrofits from the resulting energy cost savings. Larry Shirley and Vince Throop of the North Carolina State Energy Office will address the requirements and methods for Performance Contracting in North Carolina.

A second concurrent workshop on energy audits will be conducted by Roger Ebbage of Lane Community College in Eugene, OR. Ebbage teaches energy audit workshops across the United States and in Argentina, Cyprus, and Beirut. Facilities managers will learn how to conduct a basic walk-through audit and calculate potential savings.

The workshops are co-sponsored by the Education and Research Consortium of the Western Carolinas, the State of N.C. Energy Office, The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, DOE-EERE's Rebuild America Program, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and A-B Tech.

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