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## Luncheon Briefing on Sustainable Infrastructure Practice, Education and Research for Sustainable Infrastructure (PERSI)

High performance infrastructure is essential for high performance buildings. As America renews its vital infrastructure facilities, it is important to do so sustainably. PERSI is an initiative of the infrastructure community to advance and incorporate concepts and knowledge of sustainability into the standards and practices used throughout the life cycle of infrastructure systems.

**March 17, 2009 • 12 noon-2:00 pm**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Room B369 Rayburn House Office Building**

*Moderator*

**Reginald Vachon, Past President ASME, Chair, PERSI**

Welcoming Remarks

**Rep. Russ Carnahan (D-MO) and Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL)** (invited)  
Co-Chairs, High Performance Buildings Congressional Caucus

Overview of PERSI

**Richard Wright, Dist.M.ASCE, NAE, PERSI Director**

PERSI's immediate objectives are to identify the best current practices for today's use in planning, design, construction operation and maintenance of infrastructure systems, and to develop agendas for improvement of these practices, research to provide vitally needed knowledge, and education of the current and future infrastructure workforce. Additional information is available at [www.persi.us](http://www.persi.us).

Measuring the Sustainability of Infrastructure

**Barbara Lippiatt, Economist, NIST**

PERSI's Task Committee on Measurement is developing an assessment protocol to assist in the identification and improvement of best current practices.

Audience Discussion with Panel of PERSI Participating Organizations.

Participation in PERSI is available to all organizations involved in the development and application of standards and practices for infrastructure. Sixteen leading professional societies, companies and agencies currently are participating.

**Register Now!** All interested Congressional staff are cordially invited to this widely attended event. There is no charge for the event, but space is limited. Please RSVP by March 13, 2009 to Ms. Verna Jameson, 703-295-6199 or [information@persi.us](mailto:information@persi.us). A light luncheon will be served.

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Special thanks to Congressman Carnahan's Office for providing the meeting room. Any questions, please contact Richard Wright, PERSI Director, 301 977 9049 or [richard.n.wright@verizon.net](mailto:richard.n.wright@verizon.net).