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Location: Webinar and Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc, corporate office

During the winter 2010 meeting, mid-Atlantic CJE members and guests participated in a LEED EB webinar presented by Bob Beach, AIA, LEED AP, of Robert E. Beach Architects.

With approximately 40 participants, both in attendance and via the internet, Bob Gair, Industry Chair for CJE, began the meeting with a brief overview of the benefits of CJE membership and the ultimate goal of creating a forum for facility owners and other JOC users to have to discuss with others their experience, thoughts and ideas on job order contracting.

During his presentation, Beach provided in-depth in information about LEED EB and the steps an owner can take to reach the various LEED EB certificate levels.

Excerpting a key point from the presentation; “LEED EB is a flexible tool that provides guidance for achieving sustainability goals without investing large amounts of capital.”, Beach identified job order contracting as a delivery tool that is ideally suited for facility owners in that the JOC contractor, along with the owner and architect have the flexibility to be as green as they wanted by identifying portions of a renovation project that could easily provide LEED points, stressing that this could be done during the scoping of the project and not something that would normally have to be identified and specified in a typical design-bid-build solicitation. The flexibility of JOC allows the owner to make changes ‘on-the-fly’ if needed, to meet the proposed budget or increase the scope when opportunities arise.