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## National ASHRAE President Bill Harrison talks sustainable responsibility at KlingStubbins

PHILADELPHIA, PA – September 22, 2008 – KlingStubbins' Philadelphia office had the pleasure of hosting Bill Harrison, the 2008-09 President of ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers). Mr. Harrison addressed the company's staff about his presidential theme this year: Maintain to Sustain – Delivering ASHRAE's Sustainability Promise.

Mr. Harrison reminded engineers and architects of their responsibility to share sustainable design practices with building operators to achieve long-lasting energy operating savings. He pointed out that

system operation inefficiencies can result in a 10% to 40% increase in operating costs. As noted in his August 2008 article in the *ASHRAE Journal*, "Building operating practices that waste energy [are] our problem ... we can no longer afford to shake our heads and walk away."

Among his many rally calls, Mr. Harrison encouraged KlingStubbins' design professionals to take on the responsibility of educating local owner- and operator-focused organizations on sustainable system operation and maintenance, to focus on an integrated building design process that ultimately benefits lower life-cycle costs, and to develop integrated design operational narratives that can be retained for operating personnel of high performance buildings.

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