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## **PROPANE INDUSTRY INFORMATION LEADER LAUNCHES THREE NEW ONLINE CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR ARCHITECTS AND DESIGNERS**

*Curriculum grows to build awareness of propane's energy and environmental benefits in design*

New York, NY (August 6, 2008) — The Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) today announced the addition of three new continuing education courses to its online curriculum to educate architects and design professionals about the safe, efficient use of propane as a preferred energy source.

Nearly 60 million Americans rely on propane for energy needs throughout the home. Stored in above-ground or underground tanks, propane is an energy option more builders are specifying, particularly to fuel homes that are not served by natural gas lines.

The new courses, "Green Building with Propane," "Community Propane Systems," and "Hydronics and Propane," join "Propane and Underground Propane Tanks," and "Green Water Heating with Propane: Retrofitting from Electric" in the PERC online continuing education curriculum. Since the PERC program was launched last summer it has delivered hundreds of American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System (AIA/CES) credit hours to participating professionals.

PERC is registered with AIA/CES as a provider of continuing education content. Most states require architects to continue their education to maintain a professional license, and AIA requires it for membership renewal. PERC designs its courses to meet AIA guidelines to ensure that users who take the courses and earn a passing grade receive corresponding credit toward fulfillment of their annual AIA/CES requirements.

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“In this age of increasing energy and environmental awareness, propane is gaining momentum as a design option in the built environment,” said PERC President and CEO Roy Willis. “In response to the corresponding demand for high-quality education and insight about propane technology and applications, our new online courses expand our commitment to help architects and design professionals learn more about how to specify clean, efficient propane and earn AIA/CES credit in the process.”

PERC’s AIA/CES online courses are produced by CS Learning Solutions, innovators in continuing education. CS Learning Solutions has pioneered numerous online continuing education applications including the first game-based learning programs for AIA/CES credit, multi-course continuing education portals and the U.S. Green Building Council’s first online education portal.

“We are proud to partner with PERC to help the organization develop useful and timely professional education courses and extend its leadership as an AIA/CES provider,” said Senior Vice President Diane Epstein.

The PERC curriculum is hosted by the Pratt Institute Center for Continuing and Professional Studies at <http://ces.pratt.edu>. CS Learning Solutions built and maintains the site for Pratt Institute, which is one of the nation’s largest and most prestigious universities for art, design and architecture.

**About the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC)**

With the passage of the Propane Education and Research Act (PERA) in 1996 by Congress, the industry conducted a referendum among propane producers and marketers, who overwhelmingly approved the formation of PERC.

Through the Council, the propane industry has committed itself to a multiyear, multimillion-dollar effort to improve consumer and employee safety, to fund research and development of new and more efficient propane equipment, and to expand public awareness of propane and its many uses and environmental advantages. To learn more, visit [www.usepropane.com](http://www.usepropane.com).

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