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Speaker Biographies

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Priya Edjlali, project manager, small commercial buildings, at the U.S. Department of Energy’s Building Technologies Office, works on developing a skilled clean energy workforce and on demonstration and national scale-up of business and technology solutions that can effectively help small and medium commercial buildings improve their energy efficiency.

Priya also assisted states in developing policy and program frameworks that supported cost-effective energy efficiency initiatives designed to increase annual statewide energy savings as part of DOE’s State Energy Program. Previously, her work has included energy economics consulting for the DC Office of People's Council, regulatory and pricing work for Dominion transmission, market research for Dominion Virginia Power, lean six-sigma operations management for Iberdrola Renewables, and health, safety, security, and environment standards development for E.ON Climate and Renewables in Dusseldorf, Germany.

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Doug Gatlin, senior vice president, global service delivery, Green Business Certification Inc. (GBCI), is responsible for strategic execution of critical programs including Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) and other GBCI certifications, test development and delivery, and enterprise wide support resources.

Throughout his tenure Doug has been committed to the user experience. He led the launch of LEED v4 on the program delivery side and worked to establish new strategic enterprise programs such as LEED Volume and Proven Provider. He also served as Director of LEED For Existing Buildings, supporting the launch of LEED EB: O&M.

Doug has spent most of his career creating market transformation initiatives. He worked for nearly 10 years with the U.S. EPA’s ENERGY STAR Buildings, and before that was a program manager at the Washington, DC based Climate Institute.

Doug holds a Bachelor’s in Political Science from Duke and a Master’s in Public Policy from Georgetown. He lives with his wife and two children in Silver Spring, MD.

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Dr. Krishna is a recognized expert in the field and works closely with various national and international agencies that are involved in developing competency-based credentialing systems. He has taught courses in organizational change and leadership at The George Washington University and published in the Human Resource Development International, Advances in Human Resources, International Journal
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Eric A. Woodroof, Ph.D., C.E.M., is widely recognized both nationally and internationally for helping energy and environmental projects get approved and implemented, having helped over 400 organizations and governments improve profits with energy-environmental solutions. He brings to this program over 15 years of experience in energy management, consulting and training. His clients have included large corporations, universities, airports, utilities, cities, and the U.S. and foreign governments. He has written widely in the field, and is chairman of the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE)’s Carbon & GHG Reduction Manager (CRM) program certification board, and a board member for AEE’s Certified Energy Manager (CEM) program since 1999. He is also founder of ProfitableGreenSolutions.com.