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Who We Are: ASHRAE, founded in 1894, is a global society advancing human well-being through sustainable technology for the built environment. The Society and its members focus on building systems, energy efficiency, indoor air quality, refrigeration and sustainability within the industry.

Membership: ASHRAE's technical foundation is built by its 57,000+ volunteer members and a professional staff of approximately 125 employees. Across more than 130 countries, ASHRAE's membership in over 190 Chapters and 400 student branches includes consulting engineers, contractors, manufacturing representatives/sales, government, health, education, design build and architects.

Standards: ASHRAE – with more than 200 standards and guidelines that establish recommended design and operation practice – is one of only six standards-development organizations in the United States that can self-certify that its standards have followed American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) standards-development procedures.

Research: Since 1959, ASHRAE has sponsored 924 research projects with a combined value of \$78 million. Currently, ASHRAE supports more than 55 active research projects with a combined value of more than \$8.9 million. Research focus includes energy and resource efficiency, indoor environmental quality, design and operation and management tools, alternative technologies, and materials and equipment. Through scholarships, grants and awards, the Society supports engineering education for undergraduate students and research projects for graduate engineering students and new post-doctoral scholars.

Technical Oversight: ASHRAE has over 100 technical committees that drive the ASHRAE research program, develop standards, sponsor the technical program at ASHRAE meetings, develop technical articles, special publications and educational courses and write the ASHRAE Handbooks.

Publications: ASHRAE produces hundreds of publications, including the ASHRAE Handbook series, and books on specialized topics within the field. The Society also publishes the peer-reviewed monthly ASHRAE Journal, quarterly High Performing Buildings and bimonthly Science and Technology for the Build Environment, the most prestigious reporting of archival research in the fields of environmental control for the built environment.

Continuing Education: Through the ASHRAE Learning Institute (ALI), the Society offers training in a variety of formats, including professional development seminars, short courses (courses offered during ASHRAE conferences and online) and self-directed learning courses (home study courses).

eLearning: ASHRAE eLearning is a 100% web-based learning allowing you to learn at your own pace, when convenient, and from any computer with internet access. No travel expenses. It contains interactive exercises that enable you to engage and retain what you have learned. ASHRAE eLearning offers more than 90 courses, with more on the way.

Certification: ASHRAE offers seven professional certifications that were established to meet industry needs, and today provide value to thousands of built-environment professionals, employers and building owners. Four of these certifications are ANSI-Accredited Personnel Certification Programs.

Conferences: The 2020 Winter Conference & AHR Expo will be held February 1-5, 2020 in Orlando, Florida. The 2020 ASHRAE Annual Conference will be held June 27-July 1, 2020 in Austin, Texas.