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**BLACK HILLS ENERGY TO HOST FREE WORKSHOP FOR HEATING,
VENTILATING & AIR CONDITIONING CONTRACTORS**

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Nov. 9, 2009 – Black Hills Energy and other area utilities will be cosponsoring a workshop for professional heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) contractors on Tuesday, Nov. 17, hosted by the Northeast Iowa Community College in Dubuque. The comprehensive workshop will cover quality installation procedures for high-efficiency heating and cooling systems with a mixture of classroom discussion, practical examples and hands-on training.

“The HVAC contractors we work with to promote our energy efficiency programs are on the frontlines everyday helping consumers save on energy costs by conducting energy audits, and providing customers with information on our energy efficiency rebate programs,” said Mark Ernst, operations manager for Black Hills Energy in Dubuque. “This workshop provides area HVAC contractors with the opportunity to learn how to assess, diagnose, install and adjust heating and cooling systems to maximize the efficiency of the equipment,” continued Ernst.

Workshop topics will include proper installation techniques, equipment sizing and selection, load calculations, balancing, commissioning of the heating and cooling system, duct insulation and performance testing, mechanical tests for energy performance, and combustion efficiency and safety.

Location, Schedule and Registration Information:

Where: Northeast Iowa Community College
700 Main St.
Dubuque, IA 52001

When: Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
**Lunch will be provided*

Cost: Free

Registration: Call 563-557-8271, ext. 380 to register for class number 31168

The workshop is provided by Center On Sustainable Communities – Iowa’s trusted educational resource center for sustainable building – and Cenergy – the leading building and energy experts in the state that specialize in providing a comprehensive range of cost-effective, energy-related design and consulting services. Presenters at the workshop will be Bob Brice or Tim Hanes from Cenergy.

“Providing ongoing educational opportunities for the HVAC trade allies that we work with is important to the continued success of our energy efficiency programs,” said Ernst. “We appreciate the partnership and support of the HVAC trade allies that help us educate customers about our energy efficiency programs, and we encourage the contractors to participate in this free training workshop.”

For more information about the energy efficiency programs available to Black Hills Energy’s residential, commercial and industrial natural gas customers in Iowa, visit www.BHEhowto.com or call 888-567-0799.

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