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To encourage energy efficient design in all building types, ASHRAE and its partnering organizations have made the guides available for free at www.ashrae.org/freedoc.

Future guides, including one focused on warehouses to be published this spring, will be available for free. "Energy efficiency is still a vast and underutilized energy resource that is essential to the long-term survival of our planet," says ASHRAE President Robert L. Stewart. "The Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) supports the electronic distribution of the guides. In addition, the K-12 guide was sent to nearly 14,000 school systems around the country to assist with their energy efficiency efforts."

Partnering organizations include the American Institute of Architects, the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, and the U.S. Green Building Council. "Addressing energy use in our buildings is one of the most important measures we can take in our effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," says IESNA President John J. Marder.

"The importance for all design and construction professionals to move toward carbon neutral, sustainable buildings is clear. These guides provide a sensible, hands-on approach to design through use of products that are practical and effective."

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