

FOUR FROM SMITH SECKMAN REID TO SPEAK AT 2012 ASHE PDC SUMMIT

NASHVILLE, TN – February 13, 2012 – Nashville based engineering design and facility consulting firm Smith Seckman Reid, Inc. (SSR) will have four employees speaking during three sessions at the upcoming American Society for Healthcare Engineer's (ASHE) Planning, Design, and Construction (PDC) Summit in Phoenix, Ariz.

Clay Seckman, SSR Executive Vice President, will lead a session with the University of Arkansas's Vice Chancellor, Mark Kenneday, about incorporating the ASHE commissioning process into the 2014 Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI) *Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities*. They will review the thinking behind the proposed language, offer the opportunity to provide feedback, and discuss the need for owners to develop project-specific commissioning plans. This one-hour session is a part of the track on Health Facility Commissioning.

Also presenting as a part of the Health Facility Commissioning track are Ron Holdaway, SSR Chief Mechanical Technical Resource, and Rusty Ross, SSRCx Vice President and Director of Commissioning. Their session, entitled *Meeting Your Energy Efficiency Goals*, will focus on the importance of setting expectations for energy performance early in a project's planning stage that drives the design and construction process to ensure goals are met.

Patrick Banse, SSR Senior Mechanical Engineer, will present a session on *HVAC Design for Patient Rooms* in the track on Fundamentals of PDC for Health Care. Banse will use building plans, sketches and photos of various patient room types to present methods for heating, cooling and maintaining optimal air change rates to create a comfortable room environment.

All three sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, March 7. Seckman's presentation is scheduled for 8:40 a.m. and the other two will follow at 9:50 a.m. Session locations will be made available at the conference. In addition to leading three sessions, both SSR and SSRCx will be exhibiting. Please visit SSR at booth 1100 and SSRCx at booth 735 during exhibition hours on Monday, March 5, 10:45 a.m.–1:45 p.m. and 4:30–6:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 6, 10:45 a.m.–1:45 p.m.

About ASHE PDC Summit

The ASHE PDC Summit is composed of senior leaders from hospitals, A/E design firms, and construction companies who are interested in working together to advance the healthcare environment. The 2012 PDC Summit provides exceptional networking opportunities and peer-reviewed programming that focuses on strategic perspectives for the health care built environment, as well as current trends and practices. The Summit is scheduled to take place March 5-7, 2012 in Phoenix, Ariz.

About SSR

SSR is an employee-owned engineering design and facility consulting firm with 16 offices and more than 40 years of experience in health care, sports and entertainment, institutional and infrastructure projects. In 2011 SSR was ranked first in the ZweigWhite "Best Multidiscipline A/E Services Firm to Work

For” among firms with more than 300 employees. SSR is ranked 11th on the *Consulting-Specifying Engineer* “MEP Giants” list and 6th on its “Cx Giants” list. To learn more, visit www.ssr-inc.com.

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