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### **Roop is President of Midwest-Great Lakes Region for CEFPI**

**Troy, MI, November 19, 2010** – Peter Basso Associates (Basso) is pleased to announce that Robert Roop, CPD, LEED AP Principal, has assumed the role as President of the Midwest-Great Lakes Region of the Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI). The Midwest-Great Lakes Region is made up of approximately 550 members living in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin and the Province of Ontario. Roop's term runs for one year. In addition to his duties and Regional President, Roop is also a member of the International Committee for Policy and Advocacy.

Roop was instrumental in the founding of the Michigan Chapter of CEFPI in 2007 and served as Michigan Chapter President from 2007 - 2009. He is the recipient of the Midwest/Great Lakes Region Distinguished Service Award for 2007 and 2009.

Roop has spent most of his 23 year career exclusively designing educational facilities and serves as the primary mechanical engineering technical resource for K-12 projects at Peter Basso Associates. Working together with school facilities staff, he has developed and successfully implemented designs for a wide range of educational facilities focusing on improved classroom environments for increased learning potential. These projects have won chapter and regional level ASHRAE Technology Awards, and have been the subject of articles in numerous publications. Two recent comprehensive high school projects were awarded LEED Silver status by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC).

CEFPI is the only professional organization whose main purpose is improving the places where children learn. CEFPI functions as the world-wide convening organization to share knowledge, experiences and best practices of planning, designing and building learning environments that center a community and enhance student achievement. Members include architects, planners, engineers, K-12 administrators, higher ed professors, CM firms, and maintenance/operations professionals. The council presently represents over 3,000 professionals internationally. For more information on CEFPI, including how to become a member, please visit [www.cefpi.org](http://www.cefpi.org) or contact Bob Roop at Peter Basso Associates at 248-879-5666.

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