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USGBC Approves Second BOMI Course within One Month of the First

Annapolis, MD—BOMI International’s President and CEO, Jeffrey Horn, has announced that the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has approved BOMI’s *The Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Building Systems, Part I (Design I)*. This is the second BOMI course that USGBC has endorsed. The first course, *Energy Management and Controls*, received USGBC approval last month. As an approved USGBC Education Provider, BOMI is a third-party organization that offers peer-reviewed classes accepted by USGBC for credentialing maintenance requirements.

Mr. Horn said he was pleased with USGBC’s approval of *Design I*. “USGBC’s recognition is a major achievement for one of BOMI’s flagship courses,” he said. “This approval validates that BOMI International’s property and facility management courses emphasize best practices for a sustainable future.”

Each course that USGBC reviews is thoroughly evaluated by a team of three trained, third-party reviewers for subject matter content and instructional design quality, according to a USGBC spokesman. Because of USGBC’s status as an approved Education Reviewing Body (ERB) for the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI), all approved courses—including BOMI’s *Energy Management and Controls* and *Design I*—will be assigned GBCI Continuing Education (CE) hours, which will help Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Professionals satisfy their credentialing maintenance requirements.

GBCI launched the LEED Professional Credentialing Maintenance Program (CMP) on August 3, 2009. The program requires LEED Professionals to maintain their credentials by staying current and relevant in a constantly transitioning marketplace. They will be able to satisfy a portion of the credentialing maintenance requirements by attending the designated BOMI International classes. Currently, there are over 130,000 LEED Credentialed Professionals in the United States.

Other BOMI International classes are under review by USGBC for possible approval, as well, according to Mr. Horn.

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Design I provides information property and facility managers need to manage the ongoing operation and maintenance of building systems and to maximize building efficiency and cost-effectiveness. The course provides information about building design and construction, project delivery, construction materials, and HVAC (heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning) systems. Other areas of interest that are covered in this course include roofing systems, ceilings and floorings, interior walls, and plumbing systems.

Students will learn how to maintain building systems efficiently and cost-effectively, how to use structural components and building materials, understand HVAC and plumbing systems, and will have a working knowledge of how a structure functions.

BOMI International's next offerings of *The Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Building Systems, Part I*, are available as self-study online, accelerated review, and instructor-led online.

For further information about registering for a course online or in your area, contact BOMI at 800-235-2664, or visit www.bomi.org.

About BOMI International

Founded in 1970 and located in Annapolis, Maryland, BOMI International is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization. As the primary educational resource for today's top corporations, government agencies, property management firms, unions, and trade associations, BOMI's goal is to work across industry sectors to improve the skills of professionals at many levels with property, facility, and systems responsibilities. BOMI is known for industry-standard designations—the Real Property Administrator (**RPA**®), the Facilities Management Administrator (**FMA**®), the Systems Maintenance Administrator (**SMA**®), and the Systems Maintenance Technician (**SMT**®). More than 20,000 building professionals hold one or more BOMI designations, and over 80,000 students have turned to BOMI for premier education and training. For more information, or to register with BOMI International, e-mail service@bomi.org, visit www.bomi.org, or call 800-235-BOMI (2664).

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