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### **BOMI Education Gets a Nod from USGBC**

Annapolis, MD—BOMI (Building Owners and Managers Institute) International announced today that its *Energy Management and Controls* class has been approved by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). With the acceptance of this course, BOMI becomes an approved USGBC Education Provider. Education Providers are third-party organizations offering the highest-quality education that has been peer reviewed and endorsed by USGBC.

Jeffrey A. Horn, BOMI's president and CEO, said "USGBC's approval is major recognition for one of our important technical courses. We are proud of this course and gratified that USGBC recognizes its value in fostering sustainability and promoting efficient energy management practices."

"USGBC approves only the highest-quality green building professional development education," said Rebecca Flora, USGBC's senior vice president of education and research. "Anyone interested in broadening and deepening their understanding of green building theory, techniques, and trends—especially building industry professionals and LEED® professionals—will benefit from the courses offered by USGBC and its Education Providers, such as BOMI International."

Each course reviewed by USGBC is thoroughly evaluated by a team of three trained, third-party reviewers for subject matter content and instructional design quality. 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* class—will be assigned GBCI Continuing Education (CE) hours and will help LEED professionals satisfy their credentialing maintenance requirements.

GBCI launched the LEED Professional Credentialing Maintenance Program (CMP) on August 3, 2009. CMP requires LEED professionals to maintain their credential by staying

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current and relevant in a constantly transitioning marketplace. Currently, there are over 130,000 LEED Credentialed Professionals in the United States.

All of BOMI's classes are open to the public, and now LEED professionals will be able to satisfy a portion of their credentialing maintenance requirements by attending the *Energy Management and Controls* class. Other BOMI classes are under review by USGBC for approval, as well, according to David Neun, BOMI's director of education.

BOMI's next scheduled *Energy Management and Controls* classes are as follows:

- Online: September 1-November 16, 2009
- Ft. Lauderdale, Florida: September 12-14, 2009
- Atlanta, Georgia: October 21-24, 2009
- Jacksonville, Florida: January 13-15, 2010

The course reviews the operation and maintenance of building control applications and devices, along with computer control systems, the evaluation of current systems, and the development of energy management strategies for heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning (HVAC), lighting, auxiliary, and electrical control systems. The course also reviews how to communicate the need for changes to building managers.

Students will discover energy management opportunities, and will review how to apply an energy management plan to a building's systems; how to evaluate new systems with a concentration on retrofitting; how traditional and alternative energy systems work; how to develop and present an energy system; and how to develop, implement, and manage an innovative preventive maintenance program.

### **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<sup>®</sup>), the Facilities Management Administrator (FMA<sup>®</sup>), the Systems Maintenance Administrator (SMA<sup>®</sup>), and the Systems Maintenance Technician (SMT<sup>®</sup>). 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](mailto:service@bomi.org), visit [www.bomi.org](http://www.bomi.org), or call 800-235-BOMI (2664).

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