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BOMI International Secures Fifth Approval from the USGBC

ANNAPOLIS, MD—Jeffrey A. Horn, president and CEO of BOMI International, the independent institute for property and facility management education, has announced that the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) has approved a fifth BOMI International course, *Refrigeration Systems and Accessories*.

As an approved USGBC Education Provider, BOMI International offers peer-reviewed classes accepted by USGBC for credentialing maintenance requirements. The *Refrigeration Systems and Accessories* course underwent a rigorous review process in which a team of subject matter experts evaluated the course based on its content and instructional design quality.

Mr. Horn said that all of BOMI International's study methods for the course have been approved, including instructor-led online, accelerated review, and self-study course formats.

According to Michael Coleman, BOMI International's designation manager, "Half of BOMI International's required curriculum for both our Real Property Administrator (RPA[®]) and Facilities Management Administrator (FMA[®]) designations meet USGBC approval." He said that BOMI International continues to submit more courses for USGBC's approval.

The other courses that USGBC has approved are: *The Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Building Systems, Part I and Part II*; *Energy Management and Controls*; and *Environmental Health and Safety Issues*.

Holly Bentley, BOMI International's director of education, said that one of the organization's goals is to be recognized as having "green" courses. "Our focus has always been on best practices," she said, adding that sustainability and best practices go hand-in-hand.

Refrigeration Systems and Accessories teaches students how to maintain tenant satisfaction by providing the proper comfort level in an office environment. Refrigeration equipment is a key component of an air-conditioning system, which must be properly maintained in order to operate at maximum efficiency. The course

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reviews the basic refrigeration cycle and refrigeration system components, as well as how to operate and maintain reciprocating and absorption refrigeration systems. *Refrigeration Systems and Accessories* teaches not only the principles of refrigeration and the performance characteristics of refrigeration components, but also maintenance processes and troubleshooting techniques.

In addition to receiving USGBC's approval, *Refrigeration Systems and Accessories* carries the endorsement of the American Council on Education (ACE). It qualifies for two semester hours of college credit in lower division baccalaureate programs, including Stationary Engineering, Building Technology, Facilities Management, and Engineering Technologies.

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 International's goal is to work across industry sectors to improve the skills of professionals at many levels with property, facility, and systems responsibilities. BOMI International 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 International designations, and over 80,000 students have turned to BOMI International 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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