

Media Release

BOMA Toronto launches e-Energy Training Program in Toronto

(Toronto, Ontario, October 4, 2010) A new program to help office buildings become more “green” has been launched in Ontario by the Building Owners and Managers Association of the Greater Toronto Area (BOMA Toronto).

The BOMA e-Energy Training program is an energy management course for operators and managers of commercial and institutional buildings. The goal is to make buildings more energy efficient and to reduce energy costs while minimizing expensive, time-consuming capital investments. To date, almost 100 businesses and organizations across Canada have benefited from the course to increase energy conservation and lower their utility bills.

"Understanding how various energy-consuming systems work within a building, and learning how to operate them efficiently, is crucial to the success of any corporate conservation initiative," says Bala Gnanam, Director of Projects & Operations of the BOMA Toronto CDM Program. "Retrofits and new construction to high standards are important, but research shows the highest 'bang for the buck' in energy and cost savings is to operate existing buildings as efficiently as possible. This course teaches operators how."

Completion of the e-Energy Training will allow building operations personnel to familiarize themselves with basic energy principles that can be used in their buildings on a day-to-day basis. The training is completed exclusively online, giving individuals great flexibility in how they choose to carry out their training. Users can complete the course at their own pace and have access the modules anywhere with an internet connection, 24/7. e-Energy Training is available in both English and French.

Covering 11 separate modules, the course takes approximately 30 hours of an applicant's time to complete. The hours can be completed at the participant's discretion: rapidly or spread out over a number of months. Learning begins immediately, and the courses practical applications can be applied on the job long before program completion.

"The e-Energy Training is a perfect fit for the Toronto area," explained Chris Conway, President and Chief Staff Officer of BOMA Toronto. "Everyone benefits when building owners and operators capitalize on energy savings opportunities within their properties."

The e-Energy Training course is an initiative of local BOMA associations across Canada, created by BOMA BC and enhanced by BOMA Toronto with the support of the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan).

To register or learn more about the BOMA e-Energy Training program, please visit <http://www.bomalearning.com>

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*Established in 1917, the **Building Owners and Managers Association of the Greater Toronto Area - BOMA Toronto** - has grown along with the evolution of the institutional, commercial and industrial building sector. Its territory includes all of Ontario except for the Ottawa Capital Region. BOMA Toronto has grown to over 800 real estate professional members representing 80 per cent of all commercial and industrial real estate companies in the GTA and beyond. These individuals are the leading building owners, property and facility managers, developers, leasing agents, and service providers. BOMA Toronto is also prominent on the national and international stages. It is an affiliate of the 17,000-member BOMA International organization, a federated member of BOMA Canada, and the second-largest local BOMA Association in North America.*