THE BCA INITIATIVE

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) are working with industry stakeholders to develop national guidelines that will improve the quality and consistency of commercial building workforce certifications and training programs. The guidelines are being developed in close coordination with the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship; the U.S. Department of Education Office of Vocational and Adult Education; and the GSA Office of Federal High Performance Green Buildings. The guidelines will assist Federal agencies, and contractors serving them, in the successful implementation of the Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act, and the Veterans Skills to Jobs Act.

One important outcome of Council in developing these Guidelines is this: only certifications accredited by ANSI to the ISO 17024, will be allowed to qualify for this program.

Read about the Commercial Workforce Credentialing Council

How does this affect you?

For one thing, commissioning providers without this accredited certification will not be allowed to bid or work on federally funded projects. And, impending changes in codes and policies, technology and expanded practices, along with owner expectations, are driving the need for consistency in certification now and in the future.

We want our affiliate, the BCCB (Building Commissioning Certification Board), and their Certified Commissioning Professional (CCP) to be first, certifying the best commissioning professionals worldwide. Becoming ANSI/ISO 17024 accredited is a costly but, we believe, necessary next step in showing we meet the highest standards of our profession. To meet this critical challenge, the BCA needs to support the BCCB in becoming accredited THIS YEAR. The BCA International Board of Directors has voted to support this effort.

What does this mean for you?

We need to raise funds – immediately – to start the accreditation process and finish by the end of 2014. The process is expensive and intense, but the outcome will elevate the BCA community far above other commissioning affiliates in the building industry.

We are asking for your non-tax deductible gift of $100 (C-Note) right now – less than giving up one large coffee a week – to raise the necessary funds to pursue ANSI/ISO 17024 accreditation. Your generosity will protect the certification of current and future CCP.

Contribute Today!

The C-Note Club
A Cup of Coffee a week for a year to support our 2014 Strategic Initiatives.