



## Commercial Building Energy Training Centers for Facility Managers

Facility managers, maintenance personnel and property managers can access a number of professional, high quality training resources from national, regional and state organizations. After conducting research, viewing web sites, and talking to facility professionals, we have identified four organizations with varying offerings: In-person and online training, credentials, books, periodicals, and workshops. The four vary considerably in their approaches, curricula and target audiences.

### I. For Non-Educational, non-Multifamily Building Facilities Personnel

For instruction in operations and maintenance and project management, courses are offered via the International Facilities Maintenance Association. The closest affiliate is located at George Mason University: Contact Kitty Hoover, 703-993-8335. For facilities managers at colleges and universities, the Association of Physical Plant Administrators is the best bet.

<http://www.ifmacredentials.org/fmp/classes-offered>

### II. Commercial Energy Audit and other Specialized Energy Curricula

For more specific commercial energy auditor training, a national organization, Ever Blue, is a good choice. They have 40-hour course offerings periodically in Lynchburg, Roanoke, Warrenton and Baltimore. Call 800-460-2575 for more information, or visit:

<http://www.everblue.edu/professional-energy-manager?gclid=CKjozPmOkLICFQQ4nAodgUUAag>

### III. Higher Education Facilities Managers

For facilities managers at colleges and universities, the Association of Physical Plant Administrators (APPA) is the best bet. APPA provides regional trainings and courses in a large number of facility and energy management, and also offers magazines and an on-line bookstore. For technical issues, APPA is a superior resource, regardless of building type. Their North

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American headquarters is in Alexandria, but their courses are generally offered in concert with seasonal regional and national conferences. Call 703-684-1446.

<http://www.appa.org/index.cfm>

#### **IV. Multifamily Facilities Personnel**

Begun as a single family training facility, the Community Housing Partners training facility is a state of the art building and superb training center for envelope, HVAC, and energy auditor training for MF buildings staff. Located near Virginia Tech in Christiansburg, they can be reached at 540-260-9081 x 4000.

<https://www.communityhousingpartners.org/276/training-center.html>

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