



George Benda
Biographical Sketch
“The Future of Existing Buildings”



George Benda is Chairman and CEO of Chelsea Group, Ltd., a leading firm in building science consulting. Mr. Benda oversees a team of engineers, architects, industrial hygienists, and building scientists in their consulting work. He has worked in advancing environmental sustainability and energy management in buildings, recovery of buildings and campuses from a wide range of disasters, and in delivering building science services that help optimize the physical asset value of client properties. Mr. Benda started Chelsea Group in 1990.

The firm’s current projects include significant asset improvements such as chiller plant, automation system, and HVAC system replacement. Commissioning (Cx) and retrocommissioning (RCx) have been accomplished at multiple client sites, as well. The firm continues to provide property condition assessments as well as benchmarking and assessment of properties to energy and sustainability performance standards, and LEED certification.

Mr. Benda currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE), Hawaii Chapter. Previously he served the national AEE as Chair of the Board of Certification of Indoor Air Quality Professionals (CIAQP). He was named regional Energy Professional of the Year by AEE in 2005. Mr. Benda previously served for two terms on the Board of Directors for the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Hawaii. He remains an active BOMA and NAIOP member. He is also active in ASHRAE Hawaii. And has previously served on national ASHRAE committees.

Prior to starting Chelsea Group, Mr. Benda was President and CEO of HEC Energy Corporation, an energy services performance contracting company which he sold to Northeast Utilities. He previously served as the Director of Energy Programs for the State of Illinois. He has authored books, papers, and presentations for BOMA International, ASHRAE, AEE, and the American Hospital Association, among others. Mr. Benda received his Bachelor of Science degree from Rockford College and his Master's from the University of Chicago.