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2017 AEE Hawaii Chapter CEM Course

Chelsea Group Team Cracks the Books for Better Energy Assessments

Honolulu, HI – During the week of May 15-19, 2017, a collective of Chelsea Group team members, including Building Scientists Lisa Reddinger, Colton Gorman, Tom Miske, and Halle Singer, headed back to school. But rather than a traditional reading, writing, and arithmetic curriculum, these inquiring minds were studying up on all things building science while attending the 2017 AEE Hawaii Chapter CEM Training Course.

Chelsea Group CEO George Benda, who sponsored the team's enrollment tuition, believes strongly in the continuing education of each employee. The way Benda sees it, by equipping and empowering each individual to stay relevant and up-to-date on certifications and ever-evolving knowledge, Chelsea Group as a firm can continue to offer the best energy assessments, and building solutions, for every client.



"One of the biggest reasons I joined Chelsea Group was because of the continuous learning, and the availability of courses, materials, and opportunities to constantly continue my education," said Miske, who also shares Benda's view on the importance of Chelsea Group's staying current. "It is imperative that we as individuals, as well as a collective, should keep learning about new technologies, strategies, and opportunities that may aid in our industry and daily lives. In this way, we can continue to produce high quality work to better serve our clients, while also contributing on a personal level toward 'greening' our planet."

This CEM (an acronym standing for Certified Energy Manager) Training Course was presented on behalf of the AEE (Association of Energy Engineers), and sponsored by Hawaii Energy along with the local AEE chapter. An intensive consisting of five days filled to the gills with valuable building science information—the goal of which is to prepare participants take (and pass) the CEM certification exam at the week's end—the course is indeed rigorous, and as its name suggests, can be intense.

Reddinger jokingly referred to this Building Science Boot Camp of sorts as "cramming four or five years of education, for which you earned your degree, into one single week of high octane, non-stop learning!" Further confirming her relief to have not only survived the practicum, but to have received a wealth of useful building science wisdom to boot, Reddinger smiled as she admitted, "I'm very glad I went, but also very glad it's completed! It was A LOT of information!"

But information that Miske, for one, knows is valuable and will serve both him and his Chelsea Group clientele well. "Not only was the CEM Course a great refresher class about things I'd learned in Mechanical Engineering school, but the class also really introduced and opened my eyes to a different way of thinking about energy," said Miske. "Specifically, it taught us how to see a potential energy saving project through very simple tasks, such as changing a lightbulb to a different wattage, as well as how we can make practical use of buildings materials and existing mechanical structure. It also reiterated why saving energy is so important for the environment, as well as for keeping money in our (and our clients') pockets."

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