

DATELINE



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REGISTER NOW! FOR SERVICE MANAGERS TRAINING – MSCA's popular training program for existing or prospective Service Managers will only be offered ONCE this year and is filling up fast. The program will be held March 30 through April 2, 2009 at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel, in Philadelphia, PA. This comprehensive four-day program helps attendees improve their management skills, with a focus on becoming a more effective leader. Seminars on financial management, motivation, communications and coaching are also included in the program. Attendees will work on real world projects and case studies will be presented. For more information about this program and to register, follow this link: <http://www.mcaa.org/education/msca/svcmgrtraining/>

HVAC 101 WEBINAR AND WORKBOOK MODULES WILL BEGIN IN MARCH – In deference to members' schedules (fractured by unexpectedly debilitating winter storms) MSCA's HVAC 101 webinar series will begin March 18, instead of February 11th as had been originally planned. This 10-module series gives non-trade personnel a better understanding of HVACR terms, basic systems and the visual tools they need in successful day-to-day interactions with customers and coworkers. Each of the webinar-and-workbook modules includes the most fundamental industry concepts, presented in a thorough real-world way that will help your workforce to better understand our business. One webinar every six weeks will be presented beginning in March. Workbooks are \$10 each and the webinars are free to members. Registration for the class and an order form for workbooks will be available beginning January 23, 2009 at www.msca.org. Module 1, *What is HVACR?* is scheduled for March 18 and, Module 2, *HVACR Service and Construction Terms and Slang*, will be held on April 29, 2009.

EPA REFRIGERANT PROPOSALS – The EPA has just proposed new regulations for the phase-out of HCFC-22. EPA is proposing to ban the sale or distribution of air-conditioning and refrigeration products containing HCFC-22, HCFC-142b, or blends containing one or both of these substances, beginning January 1, 2010. If implemented, these regulations could have far-reaching effects on the installation of this equipment and MSCA is currently evaluating the proposal and will submit comments to the EPA on behalf of members. You can review the proposed regulations and accompanying fact sheets at <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/title6/phaseout/classtwo.html#2010nprn> and <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/title6/phaseout/Factsheetprecharged.html>.

USGBC ANNOUNCES NEW LEED AP REQUIREMENTS: The U.S. Green Building Council recently announced some significant changes to the LEED Credentialing Program. Effective early 2009 there will be four classifications of LEED personnel including **LEED Green Associate, LEED Accredited Professional, LEED AP Fellow and Legacy LEED AP**. MSCA will be offering 1-day training programs to help prepare attendees for the LEED Green Associate and the LEED AP Operations and Maintenance exams once more details on the specifics of each exam are available from the USGBC. For more details on the new LEED AP requirements go to <http://www.gbci.org> or www.msca.org/greenroom.

UTILITY BILL ANALYSIS, ENERGY AUDITS AND RETRO-COMMISSIONING SEMINAR – With the current focus on enhanced energy efficiency and high performance buildings, providing utility bill analysis, energy audits and retro-commissioning services can lead to many benefits for both you and your customers. During this 3-day program May 18 – 20, 2009, in Cleveland, Ohio, you will learn how these services can provide added-value to your company and how they can become valuable tools for growing your service business. Topics include analyzing utility bills, different types of electrical tariffs, historical billing (including baseline development, performance comparison and trending); how to conduct an energy audit including data collection, building, mechanical and control evaluation, operational and maintenance development and energy conservation measures and retro-commissioning including developing a building operation plan, equipment evaluation, retro-commissioning plan and execution and on-going monitoring. Cost: 1-day \$650, 2-days \$1000, 3-days \$1350. Registration will be available soon at <http://www.mcaa.org/education>.

NOW'S THE TIME, MSCA'S 24TH ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE, OCT. 18 -21 2009, Hyatt Coconut Point, Bonita Springs, FL, is expected to be better than ever. Start your preparations now! When the going gets tough, the tough get tougher with new sessions aimed at creating the muscle you need to succeed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST GREENSTARS! – Emcors Service/Mesa Energy, Irvine, CA; The Enterprise Corporation, Twinsburg, OH; Thomas G. Gallagher, Inc., Cambridge, MA; and Adrian Mechanical Service, Adrian, MI. This brings the number of MSCA STAR Contractors attaining this designation to 17.