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## **Fifth MEAC Boot Camp Hits a Home Run**

*Training provided first-hand knowledge to those who teach construction management.*

The fifth annual Faculty Training Camp—a crash course in mechanical and electrical systems for academics who teach construction management courses—marked another win for the Mechanical-Electrical Academic Consortium (MEAC) and sponsors, the Mechanical Contracting Education & Research Foundation (MCERF) and Electri International, The Foundation for Electrical Construction, Inc.

The program, which took place at the University of Florida in Gainesville from March 30–April 1, drew 20 participants. Planned and organized by Professor Jack Patterson of Western Carolina University and Professor Daryl Orth of Northern Kentucky University, the boot camp included sessions on the fundamentals of plumbing, mechanical and electrical systems; estimating and scheduling for both types of systems; and testing and balancing, controls and system commissioning. A lab included mechanical and electrical exercises and a demonstration of Building Information Modeling (BIM). The group also toured the PPD Control Room, the power plant for the university.

The 2010 Boot Camp will take place in Boston, MA at the Wentworth Institute of Technology.

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