



Dear IAC Students,

I am a graduate student and full-time IAC employee at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. Recently I had a pleasure of attending the Certified Energy Management (CEM) training program. I found this 4 1/2-day comprehensive training interesting; there were a total of 14 sections covered during the course. Upon completing the training, I took and passed CEM examination. Passing this four (4) hour exam is a prerequisite for the Certified Energy Manager title. For anyone considering or preparing to attend this training, it may be useful to know that literature and training materials are not provided in advance. Therefore, you should be prepared to rely on the knowledge you have already achieved through audits and classes, and consider the training as an opportunity to enhance your skills, exchange experiences, and broaden your horizons. The instructors, Professor Wayne Turner (Oklahoma State University) and Professor Barney Capehart (University of Florida), are both well qualified and experienced in the energy field. You may recognize Dr. Turner, as he is the Assistant Director of the IAC program at Oklahoma State University. A great majority of the attendees were experienced energy managers from different states.

The usefulness of becoming a Certified Energy Manager is apparent as you begin your job search as some employers consider a CEM to be a “preferred” asset for applicants. Attaining CEM status is an accomplishment that confirms your commitment to energy management. Information related to CEM training and exams can be found at the Association of Energy Engineers website site (www.aee.org). Good luck in pursuing energy-related careers!

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Best regards,
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