

WICHITA IFMA NEWS BRIEF

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Next Program Meeting March 3, 2011



Electrical Safety in the Workplace – by AVO Training

The National Fire Protection Agency and OSHA implemented Article 70E Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace. This regulation significantly changes design, installation and maintenance of electrical systems and how work is performed on energized systems. Leisa Busbea and Dee Jones with AVO Training in Dallas, will provide a presentation defining how this regulation affects Facility Professionals.

When: Thursday, March 3rd, 2011. 11:30am to 1:00pm

Where: Koch Industries 4111 E. 37th St. North (park and enter at Bldg. A, east entrance)

Cost: \$15.00 for members, \$30.00 for guests. First time guests are free.

For more information or to register to attend, go to the Wichita IFMA web site at www.ifmawichita.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jackie Heyen, Credit Union of America
Kristen Richardson, Cintas Corporation

RETAIL GOING GREEN

Retail is looking up according to some recognized indicators. Buildings Greener Facilities states that as the economy emerges this year, the pent up demand for goods will drive significant retail expansion. [McGraw Hill states is anticipating 30% growth in retail this year](#). Perfect timing, the USGBC has released [LEED for Retail](#) in time for this expanding market. Retailers are responding to CSR demands and customers with green retail construction practices. Retailers working to institutionalize best practices and are competing to lead the sector as well. [Bank of America](#), [Wells Fargo](#), [YUM!](#) brands, [Aveda](#), [Under Armour](#), [Nike](#) are just a few of the large retail brands that are making real changes in their buildings and sustainable practices.

SECURITY CHECK – DO YOU KNOW WHO IS IN YOUR BUILDING?

When you hire your employees, do you conduct background checks and other screenings? Industry experts estimate that 57% of the resumes you and your contractors receive and review contain fabrications. Recommended are (where permitted and with signed release) background checks, criminal record searches, credit checks, driving records, drug screening, etc. That would help to eliminate risk in your employees, but what about vendors, contractors and tenant vendors? Don't guess whether or not a vendor coming onto your property could pose a threat to tenants and employees. Contract for them to utilize your screening company, or at a minimum, build into their contract a clause stating that they have conducted those screenings with their own screening company. Adopt clear screening policies to ensure unsavory characters don't wreak havoc on your facility.



Mark your calendars – The CFM Exam Review Class will be offered in Kansas City May 3-4, 2011. Wichita Chapter members are invited and encouraged to participate at the discounted member registration rate of \$250. As a further incentive, the Wichita Chapter will reimburse half of the registration fee, making this a most affordable learning opportunity. Two full days, from 8-5 both days, with continental breakfast and lunch provided, as well as the manual and class materials. If you have been giving consideration to pursuing your professional certification in facility management, give this opportunity every consideration. It would be time well spent and you will learn a great deal about the exam, the types of questions asked, how to better prepare, how to register, and more. The location will be determined shortly and then an email

announcement will be sent to you, and the information will be posted on our Wichita IFMA web site. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Linda DeTienne at 636-5700 or detienne@ncricat.com.

PROTECT YOURSELF

You might be shocked what you learn when you Google your name or your phone number. Your personal information is becoming more readily available every day, so you should take every precaution to help prevent it. Here are some helpful tips:

- Start by getting on the federal do-not-call list, www.donotcall.gov.
- Be very cautious about giving out your social security number. When in doubt about who is asking, do not give it to them.
- Mailing lists are hot items, especially in poor economic times. The next time you order something by mail, list your pet's name (and your last name) as recipient. See where else your pet's name ends up as time goes on.
- Internet tracking is done through "cookies," small files that stay on your computer after visiting certain web sites. Delete cookies frequently to help eliminate the problem.
- The World Privacy Forum is a California-based nonprofit that studies, among other things, the impact of technology on our private lives. The group's website at www.worldprivacyforum.org includes a top-10 list of opt-outs for people who want to actively protect their privacy.
- The Federal Trade Commission is turning up the heat on spammers, the senders of junk e-mails designed to help them take your money. Visit www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/spam/ for details.



FREE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

U.S. Green Building Council presents Green Building Codes 101: Navigating the Standards, Codes, and Rating Systems. Live date of February 24, 1:00-2:30 p.m. EST, but will be available as an archived version five business days after airing live. Learning objectives:

- Define key codes, standards, green building rating systems, and the relationship between them.
- Outline the intent of each of the key codes, standards and green building rating systems – including the International Energy Conservation Code, International Green Construction Code, ASHRAE 189.9, ASHRAE 90.1, and USGBC LEED Rating Systems.

- Identify the current and new building industry players associated with codes, standards, and green building rating systems.
- Understand the impact of codes, standards, and green building rating systems on your role in the building industry.

For more information go to:

<https://video.webcasts.com/events/pmny001/viewer/index.jsp?eventid=37447>

Continuing Education Hours: This session has been registered for 1.5 GBCI, AIA CE Hours; 0.15 ICC CEU



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