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1. Register now for SAO College 2007

It's not too late to register for SAO College! SAO College 2007 will be held Feb. 12 and 13 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus in conjunction with the Ohio Construction Conference, sponsored by the Builder's Exchange of Central Ohio.

The State Architect's Office is offering several new classes this year, in addition to updated versions of our most popular sessions held in past years. We've scheduled some classes more than once to help accommodate everyone's interests and timeframes. Courses include information on the Ohio Standard Requirements for Public Facility Construction (Front End), how to secure work in Ohio for Associates and Contractors, insider secrets to successful code compliance, the state of high performance energy projects in Ohio, growing your business with the EDGE (Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity) program, secrets to a successful state project, closing out a state project and a special "lunch n' learn" for business office professionals about how to get paid using SAO's electronic forms.

For a full list of classes, go to www.das.ohio.gov/saocollege. Registrations for each class are available at the Builder's Exchange of Central Ohio Web site at <http://www.bx.org> until the close of business on Friday, Feb. 9. After that time, please register on-site at the Hyatt Regency Columbus. On-site registrations at the Hyatt begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 12, and 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13. For questions, please call Angie Carder at 614.752.0448 or e-mail her at angie.carder@das.state.oh.us.

2. Special SAO College lunch-n-learn training opportunity: Pay me now, or pay me later...How to get paid using SAO's electronic forms

Principals: It's time to unchain your staff and give them the opportunity to learn how to improve your cash flow! The State Architect's Office (SAO) wants to help Associates and Contractors learn how to receive payments faster on their next state project. If you've ever had a payment request held or rejected, broken a formula on the spreadsheet or wondered if the electronic calculations were working correctly, you will want to attend this class. This session could be very beneficial to anyone in your company who prepares payment requests for state contracts, especially staff from your accounts receivable sections.

Have lunch with us on Feb. 13 at SAO College and learn how to complete SAO's new electronic payment request forms from those who designed and process them daily.

This program also includes an overview of the Change Order and Subcontractor and Material Supplier forms and a discussion on EDGE reporting and Prevailing Wage issues.

Don't miss this opportunity to be the hero of your organization! Register now at www.bx.org (course number T119) to attend "Pay me now, or pay me later...How to get paid using SAO's new electronic forms." The cost is \$45 (includes lunch). Note: We're offering this class only once, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

3. Changes to SAO College energy course

Please note there has been a change to the SAO College course on energy services (course number M102) scheduled for Monday, Feb. 12, from 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

The class previously titled "The state of high performance design in Ohio" is now titled "The state of high performance energy projects in Ohio." SAO Energy Specialist Oscar Zanganeh and a representative from the Ohio Department of Youth Services will teach the class. The new topics for the class include information about project delivery methods that are available for state energy conservation projects and how an organization can get involved in this growing area of public construction. The class also includes an overview of legislation (House Bill 251) that may change how we design all state projects for better energy responsiveness.

4. New Notice to Bidders

An updated Notice to Bidders, dated February 2007, is now available on the SAO Web site at www.ohio.gov/sao (click on "Front End"). The list of plan rooms on the new Notice to Bidders includes updated information about the type of documents each plan room can accommodate. Associates who distribute electronic files through a Web or FTP site should send an e-mail to the plan room advising them that the documents are available with instructions for access. Please note: We are working with the remaining plan rooms receiving paper documents to encourage them to receive plans electronically.

Please check future issues of SAO eNews for any updates on this topic.

5. Link to the February Ohio Register

The February 2007 issue of the Ohio Register was posted to the SAO Web site on Feb. 1. It can be viewed and printed at www.ohio.gov/sao (click on Ohio Register).

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