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NEW TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

MAY 2024

RIBA continues to offer a variety of educational offerings for Members & Employees! Also, all RI Residential Contractors are eligible to take the classes noted below for FREE subject to enrollment in the Contractor Development Program.*

May 3 | 8am-10:30am

Marketing Your Business

2½ credit hours – taught by Bob Salvas

This course is designed to help you understand marketing and branding for your construction business.

May 7 | 8am-10:30am

Sizing and Placing Concrete Footings and Post Connections

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Mike Guertin

Concrete deck footings are an industry mainstay but are often oversized or undersized. Learn two methods to right-size footings supporting a deck; determine the soil bearing capacity; and the best practice footing forming and pouring tips to ensure stability.

May 8 | 8am-10:30am

Accounting and Cash Flow

2½ credit hours – taught by David Lucier

This course helps a contractor understand the basics of accounting and how to manage cash flow.

May 10 | 8am-10:30am

Comprehensive Energy Code Update

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier (IN PERSON)

Attention: Builders, Remodelers and Building Officials! The 2024 Energy Code is expected to be implemented in Spring 2024. Learn what you need to know about changes to the Code and learn options on how to be compliant. This class is an NAHB training module in partnership with RIBA.

May 14 | 8am-10:30am

Using Photography & Video for your Construction Business

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Bill Parmentier

Learn to use photography and video to enhance and grow your construction business.

May 15 | 8am-10:30am

Building Green Standards & High-performing Homes

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Wade Ryan

This class will discuss the different green standards and elements that are common in green or high-performance homes. Knowing these elements and why they are employed it then becomes easier to understand the positive health, wellness environmental attributes.

May 16 | 8am-10am

Personal Finance for Contractors

No RI credit hours – taught by AJ Harmon

This course is an excellent starting point for any contractor feeling overwhelmed by all the bills and the red tape that stands between them and financial freedom. You will learn where to start, how to organize your expenses and what things you should prioritize to start your personal finances successfully.

May 22 | 8am-10:30am

Siding 101 Specifics

2 ½ credit hours- taught by Chris Boilard (IN-PERSON)

Join us for hands on training with CertainTeed Siding Product Group's Mobile Training Vehicle and Application Specialist.

May 24 | 8am -10am

Project Management Leveraging Office Tools

No RI credit hours – taught by Brian Hall

Are you using computer programs like Excel and Word to help your construction business manage projects, help with estimates, create reminders, and more? This class will show you how to best leverage those tools for more success.

May 29 | 8am-10am

Managing Stormwater With Permeable Pavers

No RI credit hours – taught by Marc Petrowicz

Water issues on your developments? In this class we look at stormwater and impervious coverage solutions with permeable interlocking concrete pavers.

May 30 | 8am-10am

New Home Construction Process

No RI credit hours – taught by Elise Geddes

Key steps to keep in mind before you build a new home for spec or for contract.



*The Contractor Development Program is sponsored by Real Jobs, DLT and the Residential Workforce Partnership.

Contact Margarita Robledo for course offerings taught in Spanish at 401-374-1044.

All classes will be taught via ZOOM unless otherwise indicated

All classes are approved by the RICRLB for continuing education credits, unless otherwise indicated.

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To register or for more information, contact Bob Salvas via email at bsalvas@ribuilders.org or by calling the RI Builders Association at 401-438-7400.