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## **Westar Energy certifies building operators.**

Twenty building operators receive Level I certification.

WICHITA, Kan., October 10, 2013 — After a rigorous round of training sessions, homework and exams, twenty area building operators and facility managers have earned their Building Operator Certification (BOC) Level I designation from Westar Energy. This nationally recognized certification in building operation efficiency educates employees responsible for maintenance and operations of large buildings and their complex heating, mechanical and electrical systems. BOC provides training to keep building operators current on the newest energy technology available and share best practices from experts in the field.

“These employees and their employers are committed to reducing energy use, which benefits their organization and has a positive impact on the environment,” said Terry Wilson, executive director, customer & community relations. “Previous participants have reduced their facility costs by thousands of dollars, so the payback to employers can be immediate.”

Using the tools and methods taught in class, participants compiled records on their organization's electrical systems, HVAC operations, lighting levels and controls and annual profiles of energy consumption. Upon the program's completion, BOC graduates retain these in-depth reference manuals and gain access to BOC's nationwide network of participants, experts and resources to leverage for troubleshooting, best practices and advice.

The following building operators have successfully completed the BOC Level I course series that began in February, 2013 and ended in August, 2013:

- Mark Arnold, Spirit AeroSystems
- Don Bain, The Coleman Co., Inc.
- Lori Bell, Spirit AeroSystems
- Larry Campbell, Butler County
- Suzanne Coin, Westar Energy, Inc.
- Dwayne Evers, Spirit AeroSystems
- Mark Fisher, Cross Manufacturing, Inc.
- Ron Gillham, Circle USD 375
- Jose Hernandez, The Coleman Co., Inc.
- Gary Honomichl, The Coleman Co., Inc.
- Matt Jones, Great Plains Manufacturing
- Travis Otis, Spirit AeroSystems
- Joseph Polhlopek, Pittsburg State University

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- Clifford Pray, Foley Equipment
- Steve Sanborn, Cessna Aircraft
- Cody Urban, Fidelity Bank
- Rich Webb, Hays Medical Center
- Scott Williams, Colby Community College
- Richard Wilson, The Coleman Co., Inc.
- Tim Winkelmann, Cessna Aircraft

Westar Energy has entered into a joint licensing agreement with the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA), Kansas City Power and Light, Midwest Energy, Inc., Kansas Municipal Utilities, Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. and the Kansas Energy Office to make the BOC program available to all Kansas building operators.

The cost for the course series is \$1,150. Upon BOC certification, Westar Energy, customers are eligible to receive a \$575 reimbursement toward the \$1,150 tuition. For information about upcoming courses, visit [www.westarenergy.com/boc](http://www.westarenergy.com/boc) or call Karen Smith at 316.299.7450 for more information.

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