

## Energy Office in Action

### **Congratulations Accredited Commercial Energy Manager Graduates!**

Offered by the Energy Office and the Association of South Carolina Energy Managers, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Accredited Commercial Energy Manager (ACEM) course was held via webinar from December 1 – 2 and 7 – 9, 2022. Attendees learn about energy-management principles and how to evaluate the energy efficiency of equipment within their own facilities. This challenging course culminates with an exam on the final day. The following graduates accepted the challenge, passed the exam, and are now Accredited Commercial Energy Managers, or ACEMs. Congratulations to these graduates!

#### **2022 ACEM Graduates**

Brian Bolton, Johnson Controls  
Miranda Eilderts, SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department  
Scott Feagan, Clemson University  
Arielle Gerstein, Charleston County  
Hubert Gibbs, Dominion Energy  
Adam Harris, Central Electric Power Cooperative  
Rene Kelly, SC Energy Office  
Brendan Levesque, Dominion Energy  
Andrew Marshall, Dominion Energy  
Monique Palmer, Dominion Energy  
Chris Tatum, Michelin  
Corey Tuten, Palmetto Electric Cooperative

This year's ACEM course was instructed by Lonnie Russell, a Senior Sales Manager with Autel. The 23<sup>rd</sup> ACEM course will be offered in the fall of 2023. If you

have any questions about the course or would like to receive a notification the next time it is available, please contact Rick Campana via [email](#) or (803) 737-5229.

## 2022 Energy Office Mini-Grant Awards Announced

### Articles

[U.S. Department of Energy Launches New Website on Inflation Reduction Act Home Rebates](#)

[The Marine Corps' Parris Island is a role model for coping with climate change](#)

[Schools scramble to prepare for \\$1B in federal money for electric buses](#)

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### Webinars

#### [Building Operator Certification Bundle](#)

Feb. 17 - June 23, 2023 | Eight Fridays | 8 AM-4 PM | BCT509 | \$1,699 (plus book fee)

Become a nationally recognized, Certified Building Operator at Greenville Technical College's division of Economic Development and Corporate Training, the only BOC program offered in South Carolina!

#### [Solar Energy Technology Basics \(Hybrid\)](#)

**Dates:** Mar 17- Apr 21, 2023

**Course #:** SOL501

**Days/Times:** Meets: F and Sa from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

**Fee:** \$549

Prior experience in building science and/or construction or a college degree is recommended for this fast-paced learning experience. The course includes online research and competency exams and completion of a practicum using a Solar Pathfinder.

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#### [Solar Photovoltaic Systems \(Hybrid\)](#)

**Dates:** May 5 – Jun 17, 2023

**Days/Times:** F and Sa from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Course #:** SOL503

**Fee:** \$729

Take a deep dive into installation and connections of solar photovoltaic (PV) components in residential or light commercial field applications. Students will be required to perform code-compliant installations in field-simulated conditions and will design and install two complete solar PV systems during class labs. PLEASE NOTE: The prerequisite for this course is SOL 120.

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### Events

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### **Registration is open for the Tri-Association Conference March 11-14, 2023**

The South Carolina Tri-Association—composed of the Association of South Carolina Energy Managers (ASCEM), the Association of State Planning and Construction Officials (ASPACO), and the SC Association of Physical Plant Administrators (SCAPPA) – will hold its conference March 11-14, 2023, in Myrtle Beach, SC. Register for a booth and learn about sponsorship opportunities at <https://srappa.org/scappa2023/registration/>.

## **Resources and Recordings**

### **ASCEM Scholarship and Award Nominations Due February 15** **Energy Manager of the Year and Energy Project of the Year nominations are being accepted through February 15, 2023. [Click here for more information.](#)**

Applications for the Mark A. Martin Association of South Carolina Energy Managers (ASCEM) Scholarship are due February 15, 2023. This scholarship assists ASCEM members with education expenses of their family members. The student must be a graduating senior from a South Carolina school and must plan to continue their education in some form after graduation. Scholarships are \$1,000.

Awards and scholarships will be given during the 2023 Tri-Association Conference in March.

### **Biden- Harris Administration Launches \$80 Million Program for Energy Upgrades in Public Schools**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced that applications are open for the Renew America's Schools grant program. Concept papers will be due January 26, 2023, and full applications will be due April 21, 2023. [Learn more here.](#)



### **About the South Carolina Energy Office**

The Energy Office, housed within the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, serves as the principal energy planning entity for the state. The mission of the Energy Office is to advance South Carolina's energy strategy and policy through education and outreach. The Energy Office promotes the efficient use of all energy sources. In addition, the Energy Office encourages energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation through



a broad range of initiatives that include developing the State Energy Plan, providing technical assistance, offering financial assistance, conducting education and outreach, and maintaining an energy data resource.

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