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**Subject:** ITI Opens BIM Academy

**To all Business Managers and JATC Coordinators,**

**Please review the following announcement and pass the information on to your members and your contractors.**

**ITI ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF THEIR BIM ACADEMY**

**The ITI is opening a Building Information Modeling (BIM) academy in St. Louis, Missouri to offer courses on their CCS Training Software. The CCS training software is Building Information Modeling software. All courses will be held at the SMW Local #36 JATC located in St. Louis.**

**The ITI has scheduled four courses in 2009, two courses each for Draft and Fab. The course offerings will be expanded in 2010 to include other portions of the training software. These courses are available to all SMWIA members which have contributions made on their behalf to the ITI. The courses will focus on the use of the CCS training software and will end with a certification test on the last day. Upon successful completion of the certification test, the member will be licensed to use the corresponding portions of the CCS training software so that they may utilize it as the ultimate on-the-job training tool at a signatory contractor's facility.**

**The Draft courses will cover the components of the CCS training software that will enable the user to create coordinated shop drawings of various building systems including HVAC, piping, electrical, and structural. The draft course will be geared towards existing detailers that must be proficient in AutoCad before arriving at the class.**

**The Fab course will cover the components of the software that will enable them to produce machine code and fitting labels directly from a CCS Draft Drawing. The Fab course will be geared towards individuals that will work directly with the downloading and fabrication of HVAC components using CNC machines. These individuals should have a basic understanding of Autocad before arriving at the course.**

**The following are the dates for the 2009 BIM Courses:**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Travel in Date (Sunday)</b>	<b>Actual Class Dates (Monday thru Friday)</b>	<b>Travel Out Date (Saturday)</b>
Draft	10/25/2009	10/26/2009 thru 10/30/2009	10/31/2009
Draft	11/8/2009	11/9/2009 thru 11/13/2009	11/14/2009
Fab	11/15/2009	11/16/2009 thru 11/20/2009	11/21/2009
Fab	12/6/2009	12/7/2009 thru 12/11/2009	12/12/2009

The ITI will **NOT** be responsible for the participants travel, hotel, per diem, or wages. The ITI has arranged for a discounted rate at a hotel located close to the training center that participants may utilize during the classes (More hotel information is available during the sign up process). In order for a member to sign up for a course, they will need to go to [www.sheetmetal-iti.org](http://www.sheetmetal-iti.org) , get a username and password, and sign up. Enrollment for courses will be limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. For any questions or for more information please contact Michael Keane with the ITI by either email at [mkeane@sheetmetal-iti.org](mailto:mkeane@sheetmetal-iti.org) or by phone at (703) 299-5628.

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