



Prop 39 Funds



MAXIMIZE YOUR PROP 39 FUNDS: INVEST IN FACILITY STAFF TRAINING

Building Operator Certification (BOC®) achieves energy efficiency through employee education

Training and certifying building operators is one of the most cost-effective strategies for reducing school energy use and costs. Utilizing Proposition 39 funding for BOC training is a great way to leverage project investments to realize stronger initial outcomes and also to facilitate persistent savings long after funds have been dispersed.

BOC is a professional certification offering skills training in energy efficient operation practices for building maintenance and operation personnel. Building operators with the BOC credential deliver immediate results in building performance, comfort and satisfaction for their districts.

Did you know that LEAs can use Prop 39 funds for energy-related staff training?

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) can use 2 percent of their Proposition 39 award for energy efficiency training of classified school employees. Just a fraction of a percent of the annual expenditure of Proposition 39 funds would be enough to train and certify a staff person in every California school district.

Real savings from BOC training

Third-party verification has found that each BOC graduate saves their district 50,000 kilowatt-hours and 1,450 therms annually. Such energy efficiency improvements not only save schools money, but also set a solid foundation for renewable energy projects. The resulting bottom-line improvements allow for high efficiency equipment upgrades, and create jobs and career advancement opportunities for graduates.

BOC has a strong track record with California K-12 facilities

Pleasant Valley Elementary School District in Camarillo has seen savings of approximately \$250,000 annually from strategies implemented by two BOC-trained and certified HVAC technicians. Savings such as these help protect a facility from future closures. Similarly, a BOC graduate at Kern High School District in Bakersfield saved \$2.6 million over 19 months, primarily through implementing behavior change projects.

How can you secure 2% of your Proposition 39 award for BOC training?

LEAs have the option of utilizing up to 2% of their total Prop 39 award for energy efficiency training of classified school employees. LEAs may use their Planning funds for BOC training in advance of Expenditure Plan approval. If an LEA did not apply for Planning funds, BOC tuition costs can be included in the Expenditure Plan, and reimbursed once the Plan is approved.

Please visit www.TheBOC.info for current schedule and tuition!

More information on the BOC program can be found here:

ELIGIBILITY:

<http://www.theboc.info/h-requirements.html>

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

<http://www.theboc.info/h-course-descriptions.html>

TUITION:

<http://www.theboc.info/ca/ca-fees.html>

"I gained a great deal of knowledge about efficient facility operations from the BOC Level I and II courses. It has been over 20 years now and I'm still applying these skills back on the job, saving energy, ensuring the comfort of our occupants, and communicating more effectively with districts, executives, my staff, and our vendors. The staff I am sending now are learning about new technology that can be applied to our systems and further improve efficiency. BOC training has come a long way."

Leland Noll, Director of M&O
Vacaville Unified School District

"...BOC training is truly of great value. I'd recommend it to anyone who wants to progress in this field."

Robert Daley, Director of Facilities
Cypress School District

