

# Title 24 Energy Code Training for Small & Medium Commercial Facilities

## Free Virtual Class April 25-27, 2017

Looking for outstanding training that will also help you manage your busy schedules and reduce travel time and costs? This CA Statewide Codes & Standards Program course is an online, "virtual-classroom" (v-class) version of the popular Energy Code Ace "traditional classroom" course:

### 2016 Title 24: Part 6 Nonresidential Standards Essentials

To be the best, you need to stay on top of the Standards so you can answer clients' questions and effectively communicate energy efficiency compliance options and requirements to builders and clients. This v-class helps you do just that.

The course is composed of three parts, each approximately three hours in length. When you sign up for Part One, you are enrolled automatically in Parts Two and Three.

- The pre-session reading sets the stage by providing an overview of what's new and reviewing key concepts related to the Standards.

- Part One focuses on nonresidential building envelope and mechanical systems standards.

- Part Two covers nonresidential lighting standards.

- Part Three centers on considerations for developing and presenting recommendations for various nonresidential projects.

#### Course Dates:

Part 1: Tuesday, April 25

Part 2: Wednesday, April 26

Part 3: Thursday, April 27

**Time:** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Each Day

**Instructor:** Brian Selby

**Location:** FREE Online

For more information and to register, contact [online.training@energycodeace.com](mailto:online.training@energycodeace.com) or visit [www.EnergyCodeAce.com](http://www.EnergyCodeAce.com).

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# Energy Leader Newsletter

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#### About VCREA

VCREA is a Joint Powers Agency composed of public agencies working in collaboration to address good energy stewardship through integrated demand side management practices in the Ventura County region.

#### Ventura Partnership

The Ventura Partnership encompasses the cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, the City of Ventura, and the County of Ventura to support energy efficiency improvements in public agencies and throughout the community.

#### Our Website and Newsletter

Energy Leader is a quarterly publication published to provide valuable resources and information regarding energy efficiency in the Ventura County region. To receive our newsletter by e-mail, please log on to [www.vcenergy.org](http://www.vcenergy.org). VCREA is your one source resource for energy efficiency.

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## ARE YOU BENCHMARKING?

Building managers and owners are using more sophisticated energy saving techniques, reflecting the value of measuring energy consumption.

#### Energy Benchmarking

Benchmarking is a no-cost way to compare a building's energy efficiency with similar facilities nationwide. Benchmarking can help increase energy efficiency and reduce operating costs, which can help raise property values. One simple way to measure building energy performance is with the ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager®.

#### Value in Benchmarking

- Compare buildings within your portfolio,
- Meet state and local laws requiring disclosure of building benchmark rating,
- Prioritize investments,
- Track improvements in energy-efficiency over time,
- Track and assess the energy and water consumption data,
- Identify related reductions in greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs), conservation of resources, and enhanced fuel reliability,
- Generate custom reports and enhance predictability for annual budgeting, and
- Build public trust.

Having accurate information on energy use allows decision makers

to implement and verify the outcome of operational or building improvement projects. So, who benefits from benchmarking? Better management of energy use by building owners, facility administrators, building designers, and utilities will ultimately the benefit people who work and live near these facilities from cleaner, more efficient buildings in their community.

Results of a recent report from the Institute for Market Transformation and the Pacific Coast Collaborative ([www.imt.org/resources/detail/the-benefits-of-benchmarking-building-performance](http://www.imt.org/resources/detail/the-benefits-of-benchmarking-building-performance)), show that benchmarking benefits extend well beyond energy savings, and investment in energy efficiency can lead to a competitive green real estate market, drive local government policy development, and create jobs for the local economy.

#### Learn More

[ENERGYSTAR.gov](http://ENERGYSTAR.gov) has access a free online tools to help track energy consumption. Learn more about benchmarking benefits with SoCalGas at <https://www.socalgas.com/for-your-business/energy-savings/benchmarking> and SCE at <https://www.sce.com/wps/portal/home/business/tools/benchmarking-how-do-i-compare>.

## FREE Help for Small Businesses

**Direct Install is happening in Ventura County.** Qualifying small businesses can save energy & money through the [Direct Install program](#), where trained energy-efficiency contractors help small businesses identify ways to save energy. Outdated, inefficient equipment may be replaced for FREE with new energy-efficient models. Find out if your business qualifies to participate.

The Direct Install program will be visiting Ventura County from March 2017 through August in select locations. Learn more about Direct Install programs and other ways to help your business manage energy costs, please connect with VCREA by calling 805-654-3887 or emailing us at [vcrea.admin@ventura.org](mailto:vcrea.admin@ventura.org).

## Be a Certified Green Businesses!

We help local businesses be more efficient, sustainable and recognized.

This Fall, VCREA will launch the **Ventura County Green Business Program** as a Countywide offering. Affiliated with the California Green Business Program (CAGBN), [www.greenbusinessca.org](http://www.greenbusinessca.org), the Ventura County Green Business program is a FREE voluntary partnership to assist, recognize and promote local businesses that demonstrate Environmental Responsibility, Good Business Practice and Community Concern.

Ventura County Green Business offers small to medium-sized businesses:

- One-Stop Green Business Certification
- Recognition
- Money Saving Opportunities
- Customer Trust & Loyalty
- Improved Operations
- Measured Water, Energy, Waste & Pollution Reductions
- Streamlined Environmental Assistance



VCREA can help start your businesses path to savings. To connect with VCREA and learn more about this program, call **805-654-3887** or email [vcrea.admin@ventura.org](mailto:vcrea.admin@ventura.org).

## Smart Thermostat Rebate for Homes

### Save more. Live Comfortably. Conserve Energy.

Recent innovations in automation systems connect a variety of 'smart' devices to allow easy central command, data analysis, autonomous actions and alerts for safety, comfort and savings. Southern California Edison (SCE) & Southern California Gas (SoCalGas®) partnered with third-party technology innovators to offer "smart" internet-connected electronics to assist customers in managing their use and help utilities maintain stable grids during period of peak demand.

By enrolling new or existing smart thermostats through qualified service providers (such as ecobee, Honeywell, Nest, and others), Ventura County residents can stay on top of their energy use. Residents can learn more about "smart" options for their home and apply at [pages.email.sce.com/SCESmartBonus](http://pages.email.sce.com/SCESmartBonus).



Businesses can also find energy-efficient 'smart' solutions to meet industry challenges and reduce energy use and costs. Your business may already qualify for incentives and low or no-interest financing that could help you install or upgrade these energy-saving improvements now. Visit [www.sce.com/wps/portal/home/business/ems](http://www.sce.com/wps/portal/home/business/ems) to learn more.

## Upcoming Events

**Come learn about VCREA programs and energy saving opportunities at these local community events:**

- APR 8 Thousand Oaks Arbor/Earth Day (Thousand Oaks)
- APR 15 Oxnard Earth Day (Oxnard)
- APR 22 Ventura Eco Festival - Visit the **SCE Mobile Energy Unit!** (Ventura)
- APR 22 Point Mugu Earth Day Event/Mud Run (Point Mugu)
- MAY 13 Simi Valley Street Fair (Simi Valley)
- JUN 10 Fillmore Honey Festival and BBQ Championship (Fillmore)

For more event details go online to [vcenergy.org](http://vcenergy.org)