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The U.S. Department of Energy announced that the Association of Energy Engineers® (AEE®) Certified Energy Manager® (CEM®) is the first certification program to be recognized under the Better Buildings Workforce Guidelines program. The Better Buildings Workforce Guidelines are a national framework from which organizations can develop high-quality and nationally recognized training and certification programs, helping to address consistency, quality, and scalability issues in the commercial energy efficiency workforce.

"We are excited that AEE has taken this step to align their industry leading Certified Energy Manager credential with the Better Buildings Workforce Guidelines," said Dr. Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. "They are helping develop a highly skilled workforce for the energy efficient operation of the nation's commercial buildings, offering billions in savings in energy costs."

Al Thumann, P.E., C.E.M., Executive Director for the Association of Energy Engineers said, "the CEM program is the most recognized credential for energy managers, recognizing individuals who have demonstrated high levels of experience, competence, proficiency, and ethical fitness in the energy management profession. Since 1981, over 15,000 professionals have earned the CEM credential providing the BBWG with a quality workforce in place to meet the growing demands of the marketplace."

"The National Institute of Buildings Sciences established the Commercial Workforce Credentialing Council to lead development and implementation of the Better Buildings Workforce Guidelines," said Henry L. Green, Hon. AIA, president of NIBS. "The Department of Energy and the Institute worked with private and public sector industry stakeholders, including AEE, to establish, develop and implement outreach to promote education on and adoption of the guidelines."

For more information about the CEM program, visit www.aeecenter.org/cem. For more about AEE, visit www.aeecenter.org. Follow the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) on LinkedIn, Twitter: @AEE, and Facebook. Contact: Michelle Whitlock / (770) 447-5083 / michelle@aeecenter.org







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