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Leonardo Academy President Michael Arny displaying the MCDI Leadership Award.

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Message From the President

Leonardo Academy’s Transportation Program made strides in reducing emissions for construction companies and was also recognized with an award from the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative (MCDI) Leadership Group.

Four Wisconsin construction companies will reduce their emissions through a grant provided by the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. This project will assist the construction companies in achieving better fuel efficiency and help improve air quality by producing fewer emissions. Over the lifetime of the engines it is estimated that eight tons of nitrogen oxides, one ton of particulate matter and 420 tons of carbon dioxide will be reduced. Leonardo Academy also provides assistance nationally to help reduce emissions from diesel engines.

And we were enthused to see that our Transportation Program’s successful efforts were recognized with a Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative (MCDI) Leadership Group awards last April. Michael Arny accepted the MCDI Leadership Award at a ceremony in Chicago. The MCDI Leadership Group awards recognize individuals and organizations that are innovators, role models and leaders in reducing air pollution by retrofitting and replacing older diesel engines, reducing idling from diesel engines, developing outreach programs and promoting cleaner fuels.

On the sustainable standards front...

An initial draft of the Sustainable Agriculture Standard (LEO-4000) was released for committee review at the annual Standard Committee meeting in Washington, DC April 24-25, 2012. This marks a milestone achievement in the committee’s aggressive timeline to complete the standard. The committee will now begin the process of review and refinement to prepare the draft standard for release for public comment later this year.

The new draft standard for Type III Life-Cycle Impact Profile Declarations for Products and Services (LEO-SCS-002) was officially released for public comment by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) on April 6. The standard, entitled "Life Cycle Assessment Methodology and Guidance for Establishing Public Declarations, Ratings and Claims," is aimed at helping companies, institutions, agencies and stakeholders more effectively evaluate, report and compare the environmental footprint of products, services and systems over their life cycles. The public comment period will close on June 12, 2012. The draft standard and comment forms are available on the web at http://www.leonardoacademy.org/services/standards/life-cycle.html

And Leonardo Academy honored Earth Day with an "Earth Month Training Special" to increase green knowledge. Through the month of May, all on-demand training classes were $10, including the LEED Green Associate exam prep training, a 90% savings! Numerous professionals took advantage of this training opportunity.

Leonardo Academy Press Releases from February and March

Wednesday, May 9: Leonardo Academy Promotes Green Construction with Clean Diesel Projects

Wednesday, April 25: Leonardo Academy Receives Clean Diesel Leadership Award

Friday, April 20: Leonardo Academy Earth Month Training Special - All On-Demand Courses $10

Thursday, April 19: Initial Working Draft Document of National Sustainable Agriculture Standard (LEO-4000) Released for Standard Committee Review

Wednesday, April 11: Public Comment Period Announced for a New Standard for Type III Life-Cycle Impact Profile Declarations for Products and Services (LEO-SCS-002)

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