



CSI Certification Spotlight

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How long have you been in the construction industry in Hawaii? Any special or memorable projects? I have been in the construction industry for thirty five years with seventeen in Hawaii. As a licensed ABC Contractor in both Hawaii and Alaska, I have managed large projects on the neighbor islands as well as acting as the CM for The Shops at Wailea (Bill Brizee was the Architect) and the Mauna Lani and Mauna Kea Resorts for 10 years for all infrastructure projects. We recently awarded a bid to Isemoto Construction for a \$14 million dollar project to outfit two deep water wells on the Parker Ranch property that will take over two years to complete.

What do you enjoy the most about CSI & CSI membership? I like the local education programs, the networking, and the fun that is part of membership!

What made you consider a CDT class & certification exam? It was recommended to me by my friends in the industry.

How has studying for the exam helped you? As a CM for high end clients that expect all of the formal & standard CSI/AIA procedures, the exam has helped. They say that college teaches you where the library is – the CDT class teaches you where to find items in the Manual of Practice. These certification classes are a safe environment to ask questions that I should know. The subjects covered in the CDT class are very expensive to not know in this industry.

How has receiving the certification made an impact on you? I took the class two more times after I passed the CDT exam! I enjoy the company of the participants and always learn more each time.

Any words of wisdom for our up and coming professionals? It is amazing how many times I have given the "Construction Documents Fundamentals and Formats Module" outline to people in the industry. It really gives me an professional edge to have a complete understanding of these documents. I seem to surprise somebody everyday with the fact that there are now 50 Master Format categories – and then I give them one of the quick reference cards that Neil gave me. I carry these items in my briefcase at all times along with the AIA price sheet for Contract Documents.

Any special Mahalo's to anyone who have helped you along the way? I have been friends with Todd Beasley for 30 years. We are both from Fairbanks, Alaska and he got me interested in CSI. Also, I appreciate Mike Smith's consistent & generous efforts to develop the CSI certification classes in Hawaii. Mike really puts a person touch into the classes and gives excellent professional referrals & recommendations.

Local Certification Training

Join us for review or to prepare for a 2007 exam! Please indicate interest to Mike Smith at email smithco@hawaii.rr.com or call 808.486.3685 for more information today!

Construction Documents Technology (CDT) – January 27 through March 24, 2007 Saturdays from 8:15 am to 10:15 am.

Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA) – February 3 through March 24, 2007 Saturdays from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Certified Construction Specifier & Product Representative (CCS) & (CCPR) – No classes at this time.



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