

# Dubai launches an Integrated Energy Efficiency Training Program

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TAQATI, the dedicated Program Management Office for the Dubai Demand Side Management (DSM) strategy and which is set up under Etihad Energy Service Company (Etihad ESCO), entered into a partnership with the British University in Dubai (BUiD) for the Dubai Energy Efficiency Training Program as part of its mandate. Etihad ESCO CEO Ali Al Jassim signed the agreement with BUiD Vice Chancellor Prof. Abdullah Al Shamsi during a ceremony organized at Etihad ESCO's headquarters on 18 March 2018 to formally seal the deal.

The Dubai Energy Efficiency Training Program is an initiative by the Dubai Government, mandated by the Dubai Supreme Council of Energy (DSCE) and led by TAQATI, in partnership with BUiD, the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) and the International Institute for Energy Training (IIET).

The training program aims to build the right capabilities to achieve Dubai's ambitious target of 30 per cent reduction in energy consumption by 2030; boost awareness and adoption of new technologies that promote energy efficiency; nurture a community of innovators and thought leaders to

spearhead energy efficiency measures in Dubai; and to create value for the emirate by offering continuous opportunities for professional development.

Al Jassim said: "The Dubai Energy Efficiency Training Program mainly centers on human capital development in the energy efficiency area. This is an exceptional opportunity for all of us to work together to ensure that our skills and overall competencies are up-to-date and at par with the global standards. Doing so will get us nearer to our energy efficiency and sustainable development goals in line with Dubai and UAE Visions"

The Dubai Energy Efficiency Training Program combines an array of internationally and locally certified training programs and modules to cater to the learning and development needs of various stakeholders in Dubai's energy sector. Training tracks have also been created to support the industry in understanding the right skill sets that correspond to their job functions. Various programs under the initiative include Certified Energy Manager (CEM); Certified Energy Auditor (CEA); Certified Measurement & Verification Professional (CMVP); Performance Contracting & Funding; Building Commissioning Professional as well as the LEED training suite and WELLAP.

Aref Abou Zahr, Executive Director of TAQATI, said: "As the dedicated Program Management Office for the implementation of the Dubai Demand Side Management strategy, we are confident that this training program will equip stakeholders in Dubai's energy sector with the right set of skills and capabilities to bring the emirate to the forefront of energy efficiency, thereby setting an exemplary model for others to follow."

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