Optimizing GSHP Systems
A Commercial Design Course

Commercial GSHP system installations are increasing as the concern for the environment and the cost of energy are increasing, In some cases, they can even have a lower installed cost. They are taking a greater share of the mechanical system market, from rural to urban environments. Designers are often hesitant to consider geothermal systems because they are unfamiliar with them… they are beyond the comfort zone.

By optimizing the design of the system and becoming comfortable with the technology, you will feel more comfortable in responding to your clients needs to reduce energy costs, impact on the environment, and be cost competitive.

The first goal of this course is to familiarize you with the terminology and technology used in commercial GeoExchange applications, provide other options that are available on many of the sites and buildings your clients come to you with, and identify common concerns and solutions before they become issues.

The second goal of the class is to go through the step by step process needed to design a ground heat exchanger (GHX) for a specific building on a specific site. The course will define what information is required before you can use closed loop design software, and the options you have to work with. It will show you the effect of the system you have designed, the equipment you are working with, the fluids you specify, how different options impact installation costs, commissioning considerations, and identification of potential LEED points often missed with a GSHP system.

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With the right training designers can generate efficient and cost-efficient ground source systems. These systems take advantage of the site's specific resources, are simple to install and maintain, and result in system performance that is optimized for the application.

The instructors for this 3 day commercial geothermal system design course have more than 40 years of combined real-world application experience. The course will provide you with the information and methods to optimize and enhance the design of your closed loop GSHP systems.

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GeoExchange professionals dedicated to cost-effective design through training, consultation and design evaluation

Commercial GSHP Design

Practical GeoExchange Solutions will host a commercial GSHP design course in Omaha, Nebraska, February 24-26, 2009, at the Embassy Suites-La Vista facility in Omaha. Students have the choice of a limited two day (Feb. 24, 25) instruction class, or adding a 3rd day (Feb. 26) for generating actual system designs in groups with provided data sets from actual projects with review by the instructors.

The course structure will provide overviews and examples of real-world commercial projects, and how these projects were approached, identification of solutions, and how to test these solutions using commercial loop design software.

Who Should Attend?

Professional Engineers & Architects – You should be familiar the basic operation of water-source heat pumps, fundamentals of loop design theory, monthly/hourly load calculations, load durations vs. ground loop capacity, and hybrid loop systems. Previous GSHP experience and IGSHPA installer accreditation are strongly advised.

Heating & Cooling Contractors – You should be an experienced mechanical contractor comfortable with design-build GSHP projects. You must understand the difference between peak load calculations, monthly and hourly loads, fluid requirements of water-source heat pumps, and basic loop design theory. Previous GSHP experience and IGSHPA installer accreditation are strongly advised.

About the Instructors

Ed Lohrenz, CGD, Principal
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Ed Lohrenz has worked in the geothermal industry since the early 1980's as a residential system designer, and installer, and an equipment distributor in Western Canada. In 1984, Ed began exploring integrated geothermal ice rink and ice storage systems and is now recognized as one of the most experienced low-temperature heat pump experts in the industry. Between residential and commercial projects, Mr. Lohrenz has well over ten thousand tons of heat pump capacity operating throughout North America and Asia that he has directly designed or consulted on. He is an accredited installer and trainer for the International Ground Source Heat Pump Association (IGSHPA), a Certified GeoExchange Designer (CGD), ASHRAE member, and trainer for the Canadian GeoExchange Coalition (CGC). He is founder and president of GeoXergy Systems Inc., a consulting and design firm servicing the GeoExchange industry.

Terry Proffer, CGD, Principal
Practical GeoExchange Solutions
Major Geothermal (majorgeothermal.com)

Terry has been involved in the GSHP industry since 1993. Prior to this time, he spent over 15 years as a geologist in the petroleum industry before entering a second career in the mechanical trades. Mr. Proffer is accredited as an installer and installation trainer by IGSHPA, and a Certified GeoExchange Designer. His residential and commercial experience includes heat load analysis, loop design, thermal conductivity testing, and field installations; his system designs drive forced air, radiant, snowmelt, domestic hot water and industrial process water applications and his expertise is often used for independent peer review of other system designs, design validation and commissioning. Mr. Proffer has designed, consulted or installed on thousands of tons of heat pump capacity throughout the continental U.S, Canada and Asia, and trained over 500 contractors and engineers through IGSHPA, PGS and field training classes. Terry is one of the few practicing Certified GeoExchange Designers in Colorado, is a factory-certified ClimateMaster trainer, and is a member of Rocky Mountain ASHRAE.

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Ed and Terry have over 40 years in the GSHP industry, and collaborated on a variety of commercial GSHP projects over this time. They are both admitted "Geo-Junkies", and wish to share the experience they have gained, often through hands-on experience, to expand the industry. This commitment to the industry is the basis for the formation of Practical GeoExchange Solutions, a joint venture between their two firms.

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Registration Form

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☐ Two day instruction course, $1,200 USD

☐ Two day instruction + one day design lab, $1,600 USD

Includes continental breakfast, lunch & refreshments for all three days.

Note: Thermal Dynamics is offering a 15% discount towards the purchase of GLD 2009 Premier Financial Edition software in conjunction with the class; please call 763-479-3638 for details. PGS will contribute an additional 5% discount off the course registration if GLD software is purchased in association with this training effort.

****** Bring your laptop computer! ******

☐ Check (payable to GeoXergy — please enclose with mailed registration)

☐ Credit card — Type: Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐

Credit card #:_____

3 Digit security code:_____

Expiration date:_____

Name on card:_____

Signature:_____

Upon receipt of registration, an information packet will be forwarded with a map, lodging rate, syllabus and list of items to bring.

Last date to cancel for refund: **February 11, 2009**.

Should sufficient registrations not be received within two weeks of the start date of the class, Practical GeoExchange Solutions reserves the right to cancel the course. All registration fees shall be returned in the event of insufficient registrations.

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