



## **The CSI Construction Education Network (CEN) Provider Program Frequently Asked Questions**

**1) What is the CSI Construction Education Network (CEN)?** The CSI Construction Education Network is a community of high-quality education Providers who offer CSI continuing education credits to learners and where learners can access quality educational programs and education transcripts online and on-demand. The Providers are required to meet the standards and guidelines set forth by the CSI CEN.

### **2) What is the Goal of the CSI CEN?**

The goal of the network is to assure that built environment professionals can access and benefit from the highest possible quality education programs for the entire building industry, to ensure that CSI CEUs are recognized by professional licensing authorities and to provide the AEC professional with the best possible opportunities to experience quality education, relevant to their profession.

### **3) Who are CSI CEN Registered Providers?**

Providers are comprised of building product manufacturers, academic institutions, large and small design firms, government, general contractors and CSI chapters.

### **4) What is the CSI continuing education unit?**

The CSI CEU was created as a measurement of continuing education. Licensing authorities measure continuing education in terms of hours. 10 contact hours = 1 CSI CEU. Therefore, 1 hour of education is calculated as 0.1 CSI CEU. The CSI CEU is based on the internationally accepted IACET (International Association for Continuing Education & Training) standards to ensure quality education.

### **5) Will states, licensing authorities and accreditation agencies accept my CSI CEUs for credit?**

CSI has been offering CSI CEUs for years and many of those programs have been accepted by licensing and other continuing education authorities.

### **6) Do CSI CEN Registered Programs qualify for health, safety and welfare credit (HSW)?**

Many educational programs qualify for HSW credit based on their relevancy.

### **7) How is the program valuable to learners?**

CSI CEN ensures quality education programs of the highest level, offers a transcript system to track educational credit for CSI CEN programs and offers a searchable online database of available registered educational courses searchable by location, occupation, topic and more.

### **8) What are the benefits of being a CSI CEN Registered Provider?**

Providing continuing education to construction professionals allows providers to forge a solid, knowledge-based relationship while providing both an essential service and up-to-date industry information to those that specify their product or use their service.

Providing an understanding of their solutions to the whole team will make it less likely for product substitution. Providers can now make informed decisions on where their dollar is better spent and which campaigns are effective.

**9) How do I sign up to be a CSI CEN Registered Provider?**

Simply review the CSI CEN Registered Provider Standards Manual, complete the CSI CEN Application and submit one educational program for review. Once approved, you may begin to register your courses with the CSI CEN online system.

**10) Is there an audit system in place for CSI CEN Registered Providers?**

Yes, periodic audits are conducted to ensure programs adhere to the CSI CEN standards and learners receive quality education without marketing bias.

**11) Why did CSI create the CSI CEN Registered Provider Program?**

CSI saw a need in the industry for a comprehensive continuing education credit provider program that offers credit to specifiers, architects, engineers, landscape architects, interior designers, contractor, project managers, and other professionals who have continuing education requirements. CSI is taking the opportunity to be the first in the industry to take such a broad, oversight role in continuing education for the entire building industry.

**12) How does the CSI CEN affect CSI Chapters?**

The CSI CEN is a way for CSI chapters to provide quality education programs to boost chapter attendance and improve perceived value of chapter membership. There is no fee for CSI Chapters to become an Affiliate Provider. Once approved, CSI Chapters can list their education programs on the national searchable database where current and potential members can find their chapter programs.

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