

DQI USA Launches Training Program at Realcomm 2009—Add One

By incorporating the perspectives of a wide variety of project stakeholders from engineers to operators to end-users, the DQI enables users to deliver high-quality environments that meet and exceed the needs and desires of all stakeholders. The DQI has been applied in all property sectors, from hospitals to office buildings, community centers to college dorms and private residences.

“Gut instincts have their place in the decision-making process,” Sallette added. “Yet when millions—even tens of millions—of dollars are at stake, it is critical to objectively assess the effectiveness of improvements and justify facility expenditures to management.”

Since the DQI’s U.S. launch, the company has trained more than 60 professionals in the use of the DQI in New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles. Thousands have been certified in the United Kingdom as part of that nation’s use of the tool. As part of an initiative championed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, New York City’s Department of Design and Construction (DDC) adopted the DQI as a required step in its design process. The DQI was first administered to over 300 respondents on \$320 million worth of DDC’s public building projects throughout the New York metro area.

The introductory training session will be held from 1 pm to 6 pm on June 22, the eve of Realcomm 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 E. Wacker Drive. Cost of the session is \$750 (discounts are available for small firms and those sending multiple participants), and participants will learn about the DQI’s function and gain the skills necessary to facilitate the indicator as well as market the program.

“DQI USA represents precisely what Realcomm is all about—bringing useful, state-of-the-art ideas and tools to market so that service providers can have a more complete tool box and corporate professionals can be well-informed decision makers,” said Geoffrey Kasselmann, president, Op2Mize [and Conference Ambassador for Realcomm 2009]. “Given the current conditions, in real estate and the general economy, DQI can be a tool that will be invaluable to professionals throughout our industry.”

To learn more about DQI and the training session go to www.dqionline.com; to register for the training session, contact Marc Sallette, (312) 371-7326. For more information about Realcomm 2009, please go to www.realcomm.com.

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