



“BEST enhances our program by motivating me as an instructor. These workshops build up my weak areas—some I never knew existed. As a higher-performing instructor, I will produce higher-performing students, and they will become higher-performing employees.”

Charles Miller, Energy Systems
Technology Instructor
Walla Walla Community College
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With Expansion, BEST Network Educates More Highly Qualified Building Technicians

BEST has steadily expanded into a network of more than 70 colleges supporting the building operations sector. Through BEST’s faculty workshops and webinars, more than 260 instructors and administrators have been introduced to new technologies and strategies to advance their programs and student outcomes.



In addition, employers report that BEST graduates

- are knowledgeable about building systems and energy conservation,
- learn quickly and possess excellent hands-on skills, and
- transition effectively to the workplace.

Through innovative curricula and successful entries into the workforce, BEST and its network of colleges are delivering well-prepared students to become a new generation of high-performance building technicians.

Key Activities

- Assists faculty with model curricula, lab designs, and professional development.
- Partners with industry and STEM organizations to increase awareness of technician careers.
- Provides advanced operations and maintenance education for incumbents.
- Leads national technician certification in high-performance building operations.

Educators compare building systems data during a workshop exercise at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

