Siemens Power Academy TD

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Seeing the need for greater industry commitment in the retention and development of superior technical talent to operate the complex power grids of North America, Siemens has stepped up its investment in a North America-based training platform for the T&D industry. Building upon its two-year-old acquisition of Power Technologies International (Siemens PTI), Siemens has launched a Siemens Power Academy TD training center, based in Schenectady, New York, U.S., where PTI was originally founded and has been providing training since 1969.

We have been successfully training power engineers domestically and internationally for over 37 years and are recognized as a world leader for training in the electric power industry. Siemens PTI has expanded our instructor base and is committed to providing our clients the state-of-the-art educational resources needed by today’s utilities and industries. We supply a wealth of information from first-hand experience on a broad range of topics. The training center will cover courses from network planning and related general electrical engineering concepts to very practical training in systems and specific device (i.e., transformers, breakers and relays) operations.

“As our industry continues to mature and the new demand on both aging and new grid assets intensifies, we see a growing industry need for more training and knowledge sharing. Our Siemens Power Academy TD should help to address this situation,” says Mike Edmonds, vice president and general manager of Siemens PTI.

While expanding the course catalog, Siemens is also looking for innovative ways to deliver training services. In addition to the Schenectady facility, Siemens regularly holds courses at various Siemens locations in the United States, including Minneapolis, Minnesota, Denver, Colorado, and Houston, Texas.

In an effort to reach even more potential students, Siemens has been exploring web-based and e-learning options such as web and CD-ROM based learning. At the moment, Siemens focuses e-learning options on its software products and NERC-approved operator training course.

In 2005, Siemens announced a 12-year technology and marketing alliance with Walt Disney World that will offer Siemens and its customers and partners access to new training venues at both Disney World in Orlando, Florida, U.S., and Disneyland in Anaheim, California, U.S. In fact, the 2007 PSS™E Transmission Planning Users Group Meeting was held in Orlando. These program expansions meet with Siemens objective to make our training easily accessible to anyone in the industry.

A comprehensive list of available courses can be found at www.usa.siemens.com/energy/pti-education.