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Certificates will be available at the meeting for attendees needing learning units for self-reporting organizations!

Mr. Hemmi has worked with Frontier Associates LLC in Austin, Texas since January 2004. As Senior Associate, Mr. Hemmi provides consulting services to a variety of investor-owned and municipal utilities on energy efficiency and load management program design, development, administration and evaluation. He also supports engineering consulting services to Frontier's utility, commercial and industrial clients with particular emphasis on the design and specification of energy efficiency projects and programs. He has been an active member of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America during his time with Frontier, and currently serves on the Board of Managers.

Between 1994 and 2002 Mr. Hemmi worked with Warren Electric Group in Harlingen, TX holding positions as Branch Manager, Account Manager and Automation Product Specialist. He holds a Masters in Science and Technology Policy from the University of Sussex in Brighton, UK and a BS in Industrial Distribution from Texas A&M University-College Station.



This Month: Lighting Funding and Incentives

Speaker: Kyle Hemmi, CEM

When: Tuesday, March 24th

Where: Joe's Crabshack, Riverside Dr.

Time: 11:30- 1:00

Cost: \$23/non-members,
\$18/members

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"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..."

--- Dickens, Charles

In spite of the otherwise dismal economic news, there are currently billions of federal dollars on their way to Texas right now as a result of the \$787 billion economic stimulus package. The impact is magnified when we couple this with the wide variety of existing financial mechanisms aimed at energy efficiency, such as tax credits and incentives, utility rebates, energy efficient mortgages, low interest loans, emissions credits, and demand response payments. Don't miss out!!! Join us at Joe's Crabshack on March 24th to find out just where all of this money is going, what it means for the lighting industry, and how you can take advantage of these unprecedented opportunities.

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To quickly highlight some of the more important lighting-related components in the new stimulus package:

- \$3.1 billion to states through existing State Energy Program (SEP), with each state's share determined by a formula;
- \$3.2 billion to municipalities, counties and states in new Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program;
- \$8.8 billion for energy efficiency in federal facilities and vehicles including through GSA and DoD.
- In addition, further funds will go to a variety of projects that relate to energy efficiency and will undoubtedly impact the lighting/construction industries:
- \$27.5 billion for highway construction;
- \$16.5 billion to modernize federal and other public infrastructure with investments that lead to long term energy cost savings;
- \$18.8 billion for clean water, flood control, and environmental restoration investments;
- \$17.7 billion for transit and rail to reduce traffic congestion and gas consumption;
- \$9.75 billion for public safety and other government services, which may include assistance for elementary and secondary education and public institutions of higher education, and for modernization, renovation or repair of public school facilities and public institutions of higher education facilities, including modernization, renovation, and repairs that are consistent with a recognized green building rating system;
- \$6 billion for the Innovative Technology and Loan Guarantee Program, which supports commercial use of advanced technologies;
- \$500 million for research, labor exchange and job training projects to prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy industries;
- \$1.2 billion for DOE R&D on efficiency and renewable energy;
- \$6 billion for investments in various types of publicly assisted housing, a portion of which will go to energy efficiency;
- \$5 billion for low-income Weatherization Assistance Program;
- \$4.5 billion for Smart Grid R&D, demonstration projects and matching grants;
- \$400 million to start-up an advanced research projects agency, an R&D program at the DOE.

