

Energy Services Welcomes New Assistant Manager

Matt Hein to Work with Businesses to Improve Energy Performance

This summer, Cedar Falls Utilities welcomed Matt Hein to the Energy Services team. Matt will be primarily working with area businesses, helping them to implement processes designed to improve energy performance, and ultimately impact the bottom line.

Matt has worked in the energy industry for over a decade, most recently working as a Managing Engineer with Michaels Energy in Cedar Rapids. There he performed energy efficiency analysis on commercial, industrial and agricultural facilities across the Midwest.

Matt is a self-described South Dakota farm kid. He is a graduate of South Dakota State University where he obtained a BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering with an emphasis on energy systems. He then went on to become a Mechanical Engineering instructor at the university. In 2007, Matt began working as an energy consultant.

As a registered Professional Engineer and certified Building Energy Auditing Professional with experience working with hundreds of commercial and industrial customers, Matt has seen how equipment and processes can operate efficiently while still increasing comfort or productivity.



Matt, his wife, and four children recently moved to the area. They are excited to enjoy the community and activities that Cedar Falls has to offer.

In their free time, you will find them at one of the children's activities, on a bike trail, enjoying a park, or fishing.

CFU is excited to have a staff member available to work with business customers, at no cost to them.

Matt knows successful businesses are key to successful communities and is excited to help Cedar Falls businesses operate efficiently and effectively.

For more information or to schedule a business consultation, contact Matt at 319-268-5427 or Matt.Hein@cfunet.net.



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Inspect Your Rooftop Units this Fall

All commercial HVAC systems need regular maintenance and care to keep them running efficiently. This is especially important for commercial rooftop units (RTUs) that are exposed to the elements.

Not only will preventative care ensure you can catch issues before they turn into a catastrophic event, it will allow your system to perform efficiently and cost less to operate.

With the extreme of winter right around the corner, fall makes the perfect time to schedule an annual inspection with your HVAC professional.

It is important they inspect for general wear and tear on rooftop units such as door hinges and ductwork connections and clean components.

Now is also a good time to change the filters. Rooftop unit filters should be changed a minimum of three to four times a year. Calibrating thermostats will also help with efficiency.



Finally, your HVAC professional will need to take steps to winterize your cooling system to prepare for subzero temperatures.

In addition to your annual inspection, you should be prepared to take a few additional steps yourself. Scheduling a time to take a monthly walk around units and clearing any debris or snow will prevent restricted airflow and again ensure your system can work most efficiently.

If your rooftop unit is older than 15 years or you're considering replacing, it is important to note

that state-of-the-art RTUs are up to 50% more efficient than ten years ago.

The Advanced RTU Campaign, a collaboration between the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA) and the U.S. Department of Energy, may be a resource worth looking into.

The campaign provides technical and financial resources to qualified participants. For most information visit www.advancedrtu.org.



ASK CFU:

Does my business qualify for rebates on custom efficiency projects?

CFU has a custom rebate program designed to support businesses' investments into energy efficiency. This program accommodates projects that are outside of standard CFU rebates. Systems that may have projects that qualify for custom rebates include: compressed air, HVAC, advanced lighting, refrigeration and specialized process equipment. Projects must be screened through a pre-approval process to determine if they are eligible for a rebate. Contact Matt Hein at 319-268-5427 or Matt.Hein@cfunet.net to see if your project is eligible.