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## **Progress for RIBA has been so great and quick**

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Progress for the Rhode Island Builders Association has been so great and so quick this year that it's hard to believe we're nearly halfway through 2014.

Many member benefits have been introduced over the last two and a half years, but one that's new this year is taking our membership by storm. It's our vastly expanded education program that's free for members and their employees. This includes federal- and state-mandated OSHA and lead courses that would cost you and your business hundreds of dollars, especially if you have multiple employees to be certified.

Those savings would pay your RIBA membership dues, maybe several times over! While there sometimes is a nominal charge for books or course materials, tuition is always free for members and employees. So joining RIBA is a value that no contractor should pass up.

Along with these courses, there are many others that will improve you and your business, increase your technical knowledge, boost your professionalism and, most of all, help you get more work and make more money. And starting now, many of these courses will be offered at multiple locations around Rhode Island, courtesy of our supplier members, to make it easier for you and your employees to attend. There's information about the education program on pages 4, and 8 through 10 and at [www.RIBuilders.org](http://www.RIBuilders.org)

In another matter, I can't let a month pass without another "well-done" to our Home Show committee and the many people from many companies who helped make this year's event such a tremendous success!

Planning for the 2015 Home Show will start soon, and we already know that we'll need more volunteers, so please plan now to exhibit and otherwise give us a hand, and to share in the benefits. Let's keep the success going strong!

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