

For an unprecedented second year running, a new training course developed by Norland Managed Services has been shortlisted in the H&V News Awards. Last year, Norland won Training Initiative of the Year for its Contract Manager Programme, and this year it has been shortlisted in the same category for its Energy Matters Training.

The Energy Matters Training (EMT) programme has been designed to increase energy awareness among its engineers. It consists of a series of six modules covering boilers, air handling, compressed air, variable speed drives, refrigeration and lighting which, once completed and a test passed, provides an Energy Institute certificate to the user.

Using a 3D computer platform, which is web-based, enabling staff to view and take the training when their work schedules suit, or at home, it covers three types of building: offices, warehouses and industrial. The images include a number of 'hotspots' which can be clicked to view information, case studies or to navigate to other levels. The building exteriors include hotspots for wind, solar power, shading and windows. Within the buildings, there are hotspots for bins, computers, lighting, air conditioning, and then paths to plant and boiler rooms. Each module includes a video and examination to test the user's understanding.

An additional module is currently being developed which is specifically aimed at Norland's customers' staff. Changing attitudes and behaviour of staff using their buildings will amplify the savings achieved through Norland's Energy Matters initiative.

Norland will learn whether it has won the Training Initiative of the year award for the second time running, at the awards dinner on April 19, 2011, at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London.