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Help Us Welcome the Newly Certified!

Congratulations to those in Washington State who achieved the Construction Documents Technologist Certification this Spring!

- Pip Allen
- David Huang
- Kyle Lepper
- Steve Passantino
- Mark Preston
- Cameron Ross
- Kurtis Schaaf
- Trevor Schaaf
- Paris Waddill
- Farleigh Winters

Event Spotlight

Geocaching at the Waterfront

Compete in teams in an interactive, real-world, outdoor treasure hunt called geocaching, then bask in your winnings and enjoy the end of summer during a networking Happy Hour with delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres at Ivar's. Entrance includes one drink ticket.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019:

Geocaching from 4:30-5:30

Networking Happy Hour from 5:00-6:00

Hors d'oeuvres from 6:00-7:00.



[Register Here!](#)

Upcoming Events



September 5:
Geocaching on the
Waterfront



October 17:
ReCONSTRUCT



October TBD:
Spec Coordination Across
Trades, Class 1 of 2



November 14:
Power Coating Plant Tour and
Post-Tour Social

[Click here
to see the
full calendar
of events](#)



November TBD:
Spec Coordination Across
Trades, Class 2 of 2

Sponsorship Opportunities



**Want to increase your visibility in PSC CSI
and make the most of your membership?**

This season we'll be offering both annual and event-based sponsorships. The packages are currently being developed and will be released for purchase in the coming weeks. Watch for them and join us for a great 2019-2020 season!

President's Message

Construction Documents Technologist (CDT) Exam Changes

Have you noticed a teeny reoccurring theme in this issue of the Spectrum? It's the Construction Documents Technologist (CDT) Certification. For those who aren't aware, the CDT has undergone some major changes recently.

The CDT has changed from a certificate to a certification.



- This makes your CDT more valuable in the marketplace, as continuing education is required to maintain your credential. This increases the value of your certification.
- The CDT is no longer a prerequisite. The formerly identified “advanced certifications” (CCS, CCCA, and CCPR) are not being offered this year while they’re being revamped, but moving forward you will be able to sit for those exams without being required to earn your CDT credential.
- Grading of the exam has changed. Instead of learning your results immediately, CSI will evaluate the questions that consistently didn’t perform well and will adjust the results accordingly. As a result, you won’t learn whether you passed until after the exam window has closed and CSI has performed their data analysis.
- For those who passed the CDT before this change, you have the option to keep your certificate or upgrade to the certification. If you want to keep the “CDT” credentials after your name, you’ll need to upgrade. If you keep the certificate, you can still state that you’ve passed the CDT, but can no longer list the credential after your name once the transition is complete.
- CSI is now offering online badges to identify those who hold active CDT, CCS, CCCA and CCPR *certifications*. Login to www.csiresources.org to claim yours!

So, what *hasn't* changed?

- CDT is still the best way to understand the way our industry connects and operates. You’ll gain a holistic view of the building industry and all our roles within it.



Want to learn more?

- PSC CSI will be offering a CDT Prep course later this year.
- In the meantime, please check out CSI Portland's CDT Prep webinar. The registration link can be found in the "Affiliate Events" section of this newsletter.

If you have questions about the CDT transition and what it means for you, please reach out to Institute at certification@csinet.org.

Technically...

John Aldridge of LMN on the Origin of Words

Mat, Matte, and Matt

Remember these definitions next time someone specifies a "walk-off Matt"...ouch!

mat - a piece of fabric made of plaited or woven rushes, straw, hemp, or similar fiber, or of some other pliant material, as rubber, used as a protective covering on a floor or other surface, to wipe the shoes on. Loosely joined natural materials used as bedding, etc., Old English *matte*, from Late Latin *matta* "mat made of rushes" (4c.), probably from Punic or Phoenician *matta* (cf. Hebrew *mittah* "bed, couch"). Meaning "tangled mass" is from 1835. That of "piece of padded flooring used in gymnastics or wrestling" is attested from 1892; hence figurative phrase go to the mat "do battle" (1910). The Latin word also is the source of German *Matte*, *matze*; Dutch *mat*, Italian *matta*. French *natte* "mat, matting" is from Late Latin secondary form *natta*

matte - having a dull or lusterless surface. 1640s, "lusterless, dull" (of a color or

surface), from French mat "dull, dead surface," from Old French mat "beaten down, withered, afflicted, dejected; dull," which is perhaps from Latin mattus "maudlin with drink," from maderē "to be wet or sodden, be drunk," from PIE root *mad- "to be wet, drip" (see mast (n.2)). Or the French word might represent a transferred use from chess of mater "to checkmate, defeat," from Arab.

Matt – a male given name, short for Matthew. One of the four Evangelists, a customs collector from Capernaum, summoned to be one of the 12 apostles: originally called Levi. Matt. 9:9–13.32. masc. proper name, introduced in England by the Normans, from Old French Mathieu, from Late Latin Matthaëus, from Greek Matthaïos, contraction of Mattathias, from Hebrew Mattathyah "gift of Jehovah," from mattath "gift." Variant Matthias is from the Greek version. I suppose if he hit an RBI single or a home run in the bottom of the ninth he could be a "walk-off Matt".

Chapter Leaders

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Affiliate Events

CDT LIVE WEBINAR - JUST A FEW DAYS LEFT!

Registration is now open for the *Portland CSI CDT Education Series* with a live webinar option for those who can't attend in person due to location or travel: this means YOU, Puget Sound Chapter Members!

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

August 6, 13, 20, 27

September, 3, 10, 17, 24

October 1, 15 (no class October 8th due to CONSTRUCT)



[REGISTER NOW](#)

