

You have some of the best training in all of the Department of Energy. You have other courses that are in desperate need of an update. Then there is training that would be helpful for site specific requirements, but you don't have the resources to develop them. You and your colleagues are faced with the same problems year in and year out. Is there a solution?

Actually there is.... The DOE has a new resource for you to use that will provide solutions to many of today's challenges. Its called CARDS... Course and Related Data System is here for DOE contractor organizations to place copies of their training content in an electronic media system accessible by other DOE training organizations.

Sharing your training materials may seem like too much effort, what's in it for you? Maybe your training is so specific you wonder if it will even be useful for other groups at the DOE. CARDS is here to help by making training more open and accessible.

This sharing concept has been proven to be a successful solution in the corporate world. In June of 2014 Tesla made technology patents for their electric vehicles open to the world. Other manufacturers don't have to put in the R&D effort or design a charging stations anymore, the work is done. Tesla Motors CEO Elon Musk said:

We believe that Tesla, other companies making electric cars, and the world would all benefit from a common, rapidly-evolving technology platform.

The training community at the DOE can benefit from this same collaborative concept. By contributing your impressive courses and media others can use them, saving time and effort eliminating redundancy. Now the community is free to work on more site specific training.

CARDS is a central repository for training material. The NTC, Hammer, and Idaho NL has already put content into the system for you to use and remix into new courses or site specific variations. This sharing of content will be a revolution to the way we do things at the DOE. Every site has it's specialties and renowned subject matter experts, imagine sharing what you do best with the community and setting the standard for excellence.

So how can you get involved and help shape the future of training?

-Explore the CARDS catalogue, find training or resources like photos and video that you can use at your site, or see what other training programs look like. Comment on the resources on the CARDS site, tell your friends what you have found useful or what you like.

-Upload your course catalogue, this is the minimum that you can do to help your fellow trainers. This will give us a more complete view of what training looks like across DOE.

-Finally, Upload any completed courses or media that could be useful to other trainers. We understand that you have put a lot of time and energy into your courses, it's time to get them out to a broader audience that will appreciate your efforts.

CARDS is only as good as you make it. You and your team produce great work, this new collaborative environment is here for you.

For more information on CARDS go to <https://cards.ntc.doe.gov> or call