Overview
The objective of the Blackboard Building Block Technical Knowledge Transfer service is to provide clients with the knowledge necessary to successfully build Blackboard Learn™ application extensions by providing a 3 day onsite workshop that includes information, technical exercises, development examples and documentation so that the client becomes self-sufficient in their Blackboard Building Block development activities.

Workshop Topics:

Day 1

Environment Setup
- Installation of software necessary for exercises
- Blackboard environment configuration (debugging, logging, etc.)

Blackboard Overview
- Review Blackboard Application Architecture
- General entities and concepts
- Review technologies used by Blackboard

Introduction to Building Blocks
- Downloading and Installing Building Blocks
- Extending Blackboard
- Using the Building Block Framework
- Anatomy of a Building Block
- Review of available resources

Day 2

Interfaces
- UI Design & bbNG Tag Library
- Best Practices in Interface Design

Data Management
- Blackboard API Overview
- Core Data Elements and Data Model
- Blackboard Context

Data Collection
- Forms
- Loading and Persisting Data
- Inline Receipts
Data Presentation
- Presenting Data
- Lists in Blackboard

Modules
- Overview of Modules in Blackboard
- Learning System, Generic, and Included Pages

Day 3
Client may select any two topics from the list below:
- Application Workflow
- User experience best practices
- Development Tools and Tricks
- Mash-ups
- Basic Web Services
- Alternatives to Building Blocks

Who Should Attend
Blackboard Developers using Blackboard Learn™ who meet the following requirements:
- Administrator level access to a Blackboard Development environment
- Basic level or above Java experience including the ability to write, compile and understand Web applications written in Java using the Struts/Spring MVC framework
- Basic level or above understanding of Blackboard functionality

Duration and Costs
- 3 days Onsite
- $17,000 USD for up to 5 participants (consultant travel and expenses are not included in the cost)

For any questions, please email training@blackboard.com or contact your Blackboard Account Executive.