

IDEA Certification Growing Rapidly

The number of industry professionals who are achieving IDEA (Institute for Door Dealer Education and Accreditation) certification is growing rapidly. In April and May alone, 273 industry personnel passed IDEA testing and received their certification, including 197 at Expo in Indianapolis, an all-time one-day record.

On April 29 in Bloomington, Minn., 26 professional door technicians sat for Commercial Sectional Door Systems Technician Certification exams, and all 26 passed. These candidates, who came from Overhead Door dealerships in the upper Midwest, benefited from a two-day training course presented by Mark Daus, former IDEA president.

On April 16, IDEA conducted a Rolling Steel/Rolling Steel Fire Door Certification testing event for 18 Overhead Door technicians at the Overhead Door commercial production facility in Lewistown, Pa. The technicians came from Ohio, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Georgia.

“This is part of an ongoing effort by Overhead Door and Wayne Dalton to assist technicians from their dealer networks to earn professional credentials and advance their own opportunities,” said Todd Thomas, IDEA managing director.

In two events in April and May, Clopay had 32 sales representatives complete the IDEA Certified Door Dealer Consultant program.

IDEA offers industry-approved certification training for residential installers, commercial sectional door systems technicians, rolling steel fire door technicians, automatic gate operator installers, commercial rolling door systems technicians, automated gate systems designers, as well as manufacturer representatives who work with dealers. More information is at www.dooreducation.com. ■



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R+T Asia 2015 Attracts 22,000 From 98 Countries

Almost 22,000 visitors from 98 countries attended R+T Asia, held March 24-26 in Shanghai. About 5,300 of the visitors came from outside China.

In product awards presented at the show, the Hörmann Flexible High-Speed Door V5030 SEL AT won the Trendy Award for the favorite products as judged by several members of the Chinese media.

The event included the third International Window and Door Summit (IWDS), which featured speakers from Germany, Australia, and the UK, and Tom Wadsworth from the U.S. Energy efficiency was a key topic as 435 exhibitors from 19 countries presented their goods and services.

The show is Asia’s leading trade fair for roller shutters, doors, gates, and sun protection products. The next R+T Asia will be held March 22-24, 2016. ■



From left: Marisa Richter of R+T Asia, Liu Xinchang and Dirk Fell of Hörmann China, and Grace Guo of R+T Asia.

EPA RRP LEAD PAINT UPDATE

Certifications Extended for Some Renovators

In April, EPA extended RRP recertification training deadlines for individual renovators who received initial certification prior to March 31, 2011.

The move extends the certifications of thousands of qualifying individual renovators. Specifically, individual renovators who received certification on or before March 31, 2010, now have until March 31, 2016, to get recertified. Those certified between April 1, 2010, and March 31, 2011, will have one year added to their 5-year certification. Subsequent certifications for renovators receiving the extension will be five years.

These extensions apply only to individual renovator certification, not to firm certification. Also, these extensions only apply to renovators that fall under EPA's renovation program and not to renovators under authorized state programs. ■

EPA Proposes RRP Revisions

In January, EPA announced it is proposing revisions to the lead-based paint program. The minor revisions will improve the day-to-day function of the Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) and Lead-based Paint Activities (abatement) programs by reducing burden and costs to industry and clarifying language for training providers.

Among other suggested revisions, EPA is proposing to eliminate the requirement that the renovator refresher training have a hands-on component. The agency is also proposing to remove jurisdictions under the RRP program. More on these proposals can be accessed at www.epa.gov/lead.

If approved, the changes would become effective without delay upon publication in the Federal Register. Proposed cost savings to industry are estimated to be between \$9.6 million to \$9.8 million per year. EPA accepted comments on its proposed revisions until Feb. 13, 2015. ■

EPA Holds Meeting for Lead Test Kit Stakeholders

On June 4, 2015, EPA held a public meeting and webinar to seek information related to lead test kits referenced in the RRP rule. EPA sought input on (1) the existing market for lead test kits, (2) the modification of lead test kits, and (3) other alternatives for lead-based paint field testing. More information on this meeting is at www.epa.gov/lead. ■

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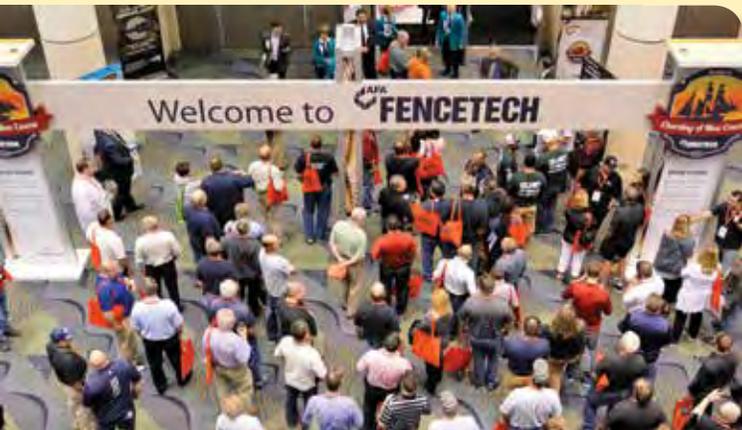
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AFA and DASMA Hold First Liaison Meeting

At AFA Fencetech in February in Orlando, representatives of AFA and DASMA convened a first-ever liaison meeting to enhance communication and cooperation involving automated vehicular gate systems activities. Subjects of discussion included gate systems coalition activities, consumer awareness, and nationwide installer licensing.

Tony Thornton, AFA executive director, said that the mission of the liaison meetings is “to build a better industry.” John Addington, DASMA executive director, added, “The passion exhibited within our associations will go strongly toward carrying out our vision.”

The new liaison group agreed to hold regular meetings throughout each year. ■

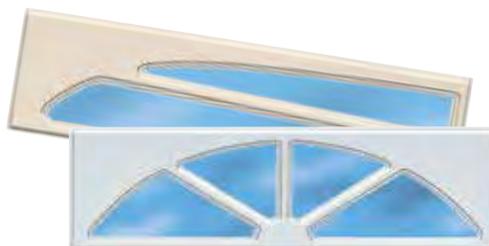
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