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INTERNATIONAL FIRESTOP COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FIRESTOP INSPECTOR TRAINING PROGRAM IN ATLANTA

WESTFORD, Mass. (May 25, 2005) – The International Firestop Council (IFC), a nonprofit organization of manufacturers dedicated to providing education about firestopping, will provide its Firestop Inspector Training Program to Atlanta Metro Region’s building inspectors in DeKalb County, June 13, 2005. The program will provide detailed information on proper firestop installation techniques and inspection of completed systems.

Developed and presented by IFC’s industry experts, the free seminar covers firestopping basics, focuses on containment in construction, code requirements, firestop testing, systems approach, and proper inspection techniques. Attendees will also receive IFC’s Inspection Manual Pocket Guide and system number slide cards.

“Firestopping is a big part of our job during our inspection process,” said Donald Hensler, DeKalb County assistant manager of Structural Inspection and president and education coordinator of the Metro Atlanta Inspectors Association. “It touches everything in the process – from the fire marshal to the plumbing to building HVAC and electrical systems, and it’s imperative to make sure it is installed correctly. IFC’s Inspector Training Program will give us the tools to make educated judgments and decisions when it comes to firestopping.”

IFC also offers specialized seminars for architects, engineers, consultants and fire fighters on a variety of firestopping-related topics. IFC’s Inspector Training Program has been approved by The American Institute of Architects (AIA), and participants can receive AIA continuing education credits.

“As an organization, one of our primary goals is to educate key audiences about proper firestop inspection and installation techniques,” said Phil Zanghi, IFC Education Committee chair and program instructor. “Through the Inspector Training Program and the other seminars we offer, we are able to directly reach out to those that can most benefit from better understanding firestopping and its processes.”

To learn more or sign up for IFC’s Inspector Training Program or any of its other education opportunities, call 1-877-241-3769 or email info@firestop.org. Literature and inspection manuals are also available through IFC’s Web site, www.firestop.org.

Founded in 1990, the International Firestop Council (IFC) is a nonprofit organization of industry experts committed to making buildings safer through passive fire containment. With membership comprised of manufacturers, distributors, and users of passive fire protective materials and systems, IFC aims to promote passive fire containment through awareness, education and development of codes and standards.

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