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## **INTERNATIONAL FIRESTOP COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FIRESTOP INSPECTOR TRAINING PROGRAM IN GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON**

WESTFORD, Mass. (June 27, 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 the City of Gig Harbor, Washington, on Aug. 19, 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.

“It's imperative that our inspectors, designers and contractors understand the theory and practice of firestopping so they can be more effective in installing and using it correctly,” said Dick J. Bower, building official and fire marshal of Gig Harbor. “IFC's Inspector Training program will help ensure that we are utilizing firestopping technology correctly, which will allow us to make our buildings safer in the case of a fire.”

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](mailto:info@firestop.org). Literature and inspection manuals are also available through IFC's Web site, [www.firestop.org](http://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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