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## **INTERNATIONAL FIRESTOP COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FIRESTOP INSPECTOR TRAINING PROGRAM IN WOODINVILLE, WA**

WESTFORD, Mass. (Sept. 22, 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 building and fire officials of the Zone One Eastside Consortium, a cooperative association among Eastside departments. The program will be held at Fire Station 31, located at 17718 Woodinville-Snohomish Rd. in Woodinville, WA on Oct. 12. 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.

Art Hill, a member of the Zone One Eastside Consortium Training Committee, said that the group wants to extend its knowledge to meet the needs of a growing area.

“Properly installed and inspected fire stopping could have a significant impact on fire safety in our growing Eastside communities and we see the training as an essential first step to effectively utilizing the technology.”

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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