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INTERNATIONAL FIRESTOP COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FIRESTOP INSPECTOR TRAINING PROGRAM FOR NEW YORK STATE BUILDING OFFICIALS CONFERENCE

WESTFORD, Mass. (July 19, 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 Rockland Chapter of the New York State Building Officials Conference (NYSBOC) in Pomona, N.Y., on Nov. 4, 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.

"As a firefighter I've witnessed first hand how crucial firestopping is during a fire emergency," said Vincent Fiorentino, fire inspector for Nyack and president of the NYSBOC Rockland Chapter. Fiorentino is also a retired New York City firefighter. "By participating in IFC's Firestop Inspector Training we will educate area builders, contractors and firefighters on proper firestop installation, inspection and maintenance to enhance building and occupant safety."

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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