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## **INTERNATIONAL FIRESTOP COUNCIL OFFERS FREE FIRESTOP INSPECTOR TRAINING PROGRAM**

WESTFORD, Mass. (February 17, 2005) – The International Firestop Council (IFC) has introduced its Firestop Inspector Training Program. Available to building inspectors and officials throughout the United States and Canada, the program provides an in-depth look at proper installation techniques and code enforcement of firestopping.

The free two-hour seminar focuses on the requirements, proper inspection, and enforcement needed for different firestop applications. Developed and presented by IFC's industry experts, the presentation enables inspectors and officials to accurately identify proper firestopping to ensure today's building codes are being met. The Inspector Training Program has been approved by The American Institute of Architects (AIA), and participants can receive AIA continuing education credits.

“While almost all other training seminars in our industry are managed through the manufacturers, our training incorporates perspectives from many IFC representatives, including those from testing laboratories, code experts, consultants and manufacturers,” said Phil Zanghi, Education Committee chair, IFC. “This ensures that we provide a thorough, unbiased seminar with information universal to firestopping.”

IFC also offers half-day, full-day and other specialized seminars for fire fighters, architects, engineers and consultants on a variety of firestopping topics. These seminars are often incorporated into regularly scheduled building official meetings as part of their periodic training requirements.

“Our overall goal as an organization is to promote safety and security. Our seminars are one way to educate key audiences about firestopping and how it should be incorporated into an overall fire protection program,” said Zanghi.

To learn more or sign up for IFC's Inspector Training Program, please contact the IFC office at 1-877-241-3769 or email [info@firestop.org](mailto:info@firestop.org). Literature and inspection manuals are available via its 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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