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## **AAMA Announces New Glass Course**

SCHAUMBURG, Ill. -- The American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA) announces the creation of new online and classroom educational courses addressing choosing the right glass for fenestration.

The courses, entitled *Glass: The Right Choice*, were developed by the association's Glass Material Council and are accredited through the American Institute of Architects (AIA). There are many aspects to consider when choosing glass, and the courses cover these, including the uses of glass in commercial buildings as well as the functionality and performance this versatile material can provide. Additionally, the manufacturing and fabrication processes used to produce different types of glass are addressed as are the various kinds of fabricated glass solutions used to enhance basic glass performance, including insulating units, safety glass, and fire-rated glass. Tying the information together, the course wraps-up with a discussion of the methods of measuring and evaluating glass performance to make more informed glass choices.

In addition to the glass courses listed above, AAMA offers three other online courses and four additional classroom courses as part of the AAMA Continuing Education Licensing Program. All of these courses are available on the Continuing Education page of the AAMA Web site: <http://www.aamanet.org/general.asp?sect=2&id=123>  [<http://www.aamanet.org/general.asp?sect=2&id=123>](http://www.aamanet.org/general.asp?sect=2&id=123) .

As a free benefit to AAMA members, the Continuing Education Licensing Program allows representatives from member companies to present to architects courses that would qualify for credits through the AIA.

“We have learned from architects that offering online courses is valuable to them. This format allows architects to take courses at their own pace, without the need to leave their home or office,” says Janice Charletta, director of marketing and membership for AAMA.

“AAMA understands the importance of continuing education, and our members are actively developing new courses and revising current courses. We take education seriously and made these courses a priority initiative within our association. Our members benefit by presenting education to the audience they are targeting -- architects -- and the architects benefit from material-neutral, third-party courses,” says Rich Walker, AAMA president and CEO.

For more information on AAMA's continuing education offerings, please visit [www.aamanet.org](http://www.aamanet.org)  [<http://www.aamanet.org>](http://www.aamanet.org) , call 847-303-5664, or e-mail Angela Dickson at [adickson@aamanet.org](mailto:adickson@aamanet.org)  [<mailto:adickson@aamanet.org>](mailto:adickson@aamanet.org) .

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