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GICC Gears Up for Bigger Impact on Energy Codes

(TOPEKA) - The Glazing Industry Code Committee (GICC), an advocate of the glass and glazing industry in the code arena, took action to increase its energy code effort with the addition of a second code consultant to focus primarily on these issues. Dr. Thomas Culp of Wisconsin-based Birch Point Consulting has been retained by GICC to become more actively engaged in the energy code process. Culp joins William Koffel, GICC's code consultant representing the organization on fire, building, and life safety issues.

"The Glazing Industry Code Committee plays a vital role in representing the fenestration industry in the International Energy Conservation Code," said Culp. "Our goal is to actively advocate the needs of the industry to make a difference."

After earning his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin, Culp worked at ATOFINA Chemicals in Philadelphia for six years, focusing on the development of low-e glass coatings for energy efficient glazing. After returning to Wisconsin, he provides engineering and strategic consulting services to glazing and framing manufacturers in the areas of energy efficient window performance, building code development, and interaction with government and industry bodies. Culp represented GICC at the recent Code Hearings in Palm Springs, California.

"Tom epitomizes GICC's commitment to being the lead advocate for the industry in all facets of the code arena," said Bill Yanek, Executive Director for GICC. "His efforts have already brought many benefits to GICC's members and the industry as a whole."

GICC's next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 20-21st in Arlington, Virginia. In addition to building and energy code proposal review, the Committee will continue its work on developing safety glazing illustrations for the industry, as well as providing guidance and information on its website at www.glazingcodes.org. Anyone interested in GICC, its mission and membership is encouraged to visit its website.

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The Glazing Industry Code Committee is a collaborative glass and glazing industry organization with a mission of promoting the reasonable use of glass and fenestration within the model building codes. Comprised of manufacturers, fabricators, and organizations in the glazing industry, GICC is a collaborative glass and glazing industry organization with a mission of promoting the reasonable use of glass and fenestration within the model building codes. More information is available on the GICC website at www.glazingcodes.org.