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## **Glass Fabrication 2009 Registration Opens for Project Managers, Fabricators**

(TOPEKA) - The Glass Association of North America (GANA) and the Insulating Glass Manufacturers Alliance (IGMA) announced today that registration for the 2009 Glass Fabrication & Glazing Educational Conference is now open on the GANA website. The annual event, which features education for glazing contractors and fabricators of insulating, laminated and tempered glass, is scheduled for April 6-8, 2009 at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza in Cincinnati, Ohio.

“With a down economy, many companies are looking inward right now,” explained Ashley Charest, GANA’s Account Executive. “The best way to increase market share in the economic upswing is to have better educated staff. This event is a perfect opportunity to increase product and staff quality for minimal investment.”

The event will feature two general sessions: one for glazing contractors and project managers, and a second general session for fabricators of glass. Additionally, there are four separate breakout tracks on the second day of the event: one for each type of attendee present at Glass Fabrication. 40 different speakers will then spend two days educating attendees, answering questions, and help prepare them to make a positive impact for their companies when returning from the event. The event also marks the first joint GANA/IGMA meeting in many years.



“IGMA and GANA recognize the tough economic climate facing our industry,” explained Margaret Webb, IGMA’s Executive Director. “Savvy manufacturers know that the best way to survive these tough times is to provide a quality product and training and education is one of the tools IGMA and GANA provide to our members. As IGMA and GANA forge a stronger relationship, it just makes economic sense to combine the best of our two programs so insulating glass fabricators can get the best value for their training dollars.”

Registration for the event is \$375 for members of GANA or IGMA, and \$600 for those who are not members of either organization. To learn more, print the schedule and register for this event, please visit the GANA website at [www.glasswebsite.com/events/glassfab](http://www.glasswebsite.com/events/glassfab).

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