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### **HTL Announces CO-OP BLAST PROGRAM**

*Innovative program offers arena blast testing for the price of a shock tube test*

LUBBOCK, Texas – March 23, 2009 – HTL ([www.htltest.com](http://www.htltest.com)), a premier testing services company specializing in architectural building components and assemblies, announces their CO-OP BLAST PROGRAM, a new cost-savings program that offers full-scale arena blast testing for the price of a shock tube test. Arena blast testing has widely been accepted as the best way to simulate blast waves and its effects on glass and glazing systems, but is considered cost prohibitive by many. Consequently, many companies have gone the route of testing with shock tube simulation which has historically been less expensive than arena testing, but lacks actual blast wave representation.

“Price typically drives the decision to test with full-scale arena or shock tubes,” says Steven Samuels, P.E., Operations Manger of HTL, Lubbock, TX. “Through our innovative CO-OP BLAST PROGRAM we can now offer clients arena testing, with superior blast representation, for approximately the same cost as shock tube testing. A blast wave radiates in all directions, which allows us to conduct multiple simultaneous test with a single blast wave. Sharing the blast wave allows HTL to offer the true full-scale arena blast test at an affordable price to all participating manufacturers.”

Product and client privacy is a top concern when conducting tests with multiple clients. “HTL has taken multiple precautions to maintain each client’s privacy,” says Samuels. Some safeguarding steps include assigning each client their own week for installation,

securing and covering the product to prevent viewing by others and only allowing authorized personnel to view the post-blast specimens.

HTL's premier full-scale arena blast site is located 40 miles south of Lubbock, Texas.

For more details and test dates contact Steven Samuels at 806-797-2208 or visit

<http://htltest.com/BlastTesting.html>.

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#### **About HTL**

HTL is a premier testing services company specializing in architectural building components and assemblies. HTL operates three facilities in North America, which provide a variety of testing and evaluation solutions to building products companies throughout the world. Delivering a unique blend of engineering consultation, state-of-the-art services, and a user-friendly testing environment, HTL's core services include, but are not limited to, hurricane, blast, air, water, structural, roof and security testing. HTL is an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory and all test methods adhere to national standards, such as ASTM, AAMA, WDMA and UL.

HTL corporate headquarters is located in Riviera Beach, FL. For more information on all HTL service offerings, visit [www.htltest.com](http://www.htltest.com), or call 561-881-0020.