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NFRC Receives U.S. State Department Grant to Conduct International Work

NFRC among nine recipients chosen under Asia-Pacific Partnership

GREENBELT, Md. – September 26, 2008 – Earlier this month, the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) received a grant from the U.S State Department to implement clean energy work in China under the Asia-Pacific Partnership's (APP) Clean Development and Climate program.

NFRC was one of nine grant recipients chosen from a field of more than 90 submittals. Paula Dobriansky, Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs for the Asia-Pacific Partnership (APP) on Clean Development and Climate, announced the award recipients at the U.S.-China-Australia Dialogue on Energy Security and Climate Change in Washington, D.C.

"We are deeply committed to the APP's goal of reducing building energy consumption and look forward to concentrating our efforts with the other team members," said Jim Benney, NFRC's Executive Director. "It's an honor to be chosen from such a strong field of competitors who submitted many innovative ideas."

The APP brings together both government entities and private industry sectors of Australia, Canada, China, India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and the United States with the goal of advancing clean energy technologies.

NFRC will work with three Chinese building energy organizations and three American entities to develop a building certification program enabling reduced building energy consumption. The award is for \$250,000 through June 2010 and requires all partners to contribute matching funds. NFRC and its partners estimate that to reduce energy consumption worldwide, the international community will have to work together," added Benney.

For more information on NFRC, please visit www.nfrc.org or call 301-589-1776.

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About NFRC

NFRC is a non-profit organization that administers a voluntary, uniform rating, labeling and certification system for the energy performance of windows, doors, curtain walls, skylights, and other fenestration products. Its members include manufacturers, suppliers, utilities, consumer groups, representatives from the building and code industries, scientific and educational organizations, and government agencies.