

*** Online Learning Opportunity -- Kolbe Exhibited at AIA 2007 ***

Kolbe Offers Two AIA/CES Courses Online: "Impact Design" and "Energy Efficiency and Structural Integrity"

Wausau, Wis. -- Kolbe has expanded its online resources to include on-demand AIA/CES learning opportunities, new product information, as well as updated architectural drawings and CSI specifications.

Architects may earn continuing education units for the course "Impact Design in the Fenestration Industry" or "Integral Components of Window Performance: Energy Efficiency and Structural Integrity." The courses may be accessed by registering as an architect on Kolbe's website at <http://www.kolbe-kolbe.com>. After sign-on, links point architects to areas meeting their needs including AECDaily online course information. Those who successfully complete the lesson will receive one AIA/CES Learning Unit for each course. The courses qualify for health, safety and wellness, which will be recorded with the American Institute of Architects.

Kolbe's online product information also has expanded. The site now showcases more options for coastal and other extreme weather areas. K-Force impact performance products can be specified in many Heritage, Ultra and Magnum Series wood windows and doors, as well as Inspiration® Series vinyl casement windows. Kolbe's K-Force products feature impact laminated glass, a special glazing retention system, and construction details to help the units perform in the harshest of weather.

CSI specifications and drawing files for these and other products also appear on Kolbe's website. Heritage Series information recently was updated and reformatted for easier access. Architects may sign-in to access the specifications as PDF files or Word documents. Cross section, elevation and installation drawings are provided as DWG and DXF files, which open directly in AutoCAD® or, using an i-drop® function, icons may be dragged and drawings dropped into AutoCAD. Additionally, the format for Ultra Series architectural data has been revised to reflect improvements to the casement, awning and radius windows.

Updated energy and performance data and related tools help architects specify Kolbe products. *WindFacts*, for example, assists in determining required wind pressures of Kolbe wood and vinyl products.

What began in 1946 as a two-brother team has grown into an internationally respected manufacturing company. Kolbe & Kolbe Millwork Co, Inc. remains a privately held, community-oriented business located in Wausau, Wis. Covering nearly one million-square-feet, its state-of-the-art facilities feature high-tech machinery and a design center to present the creative possibilities offered by Kolbe windows and doors.

** Photos Available **

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