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The approaching first anniversary of the horrors of 9/11 reaffirms that our world has changed forever. Very personal aspects of our lives are different, our fears and visions of the future, how we perceive and treat others, along with challenges to our privacy and freedom, and trivial but aggravating security checks everywhere from the airport to the ballgame. At the same time, the business of builders hardware is changing too. Our products suppress fire and smoke, improve security, and facilitate safe egress, all functions of heightened importance in the last year. These areas are being scrutinized by the respective code groups including of course New York City. And it is likely that NYC, where relatives of the 2823 trapped and burned World Trade Center victims are becoming building code activists, will be making significant changes. A Building Code Task Force in New York is now weighing impassioned pleas for code changes that would improve evacuation in an emergency. Potential areas include adherence to national building codes (the WTC was exempt from even the NYC Building Code), wider fortified stairwells, better methods to help disabled people to escape, more fire and smoke doors, and automatic emergency opening of rooftop and reentry to stairwell doors.

Four Representatives Named

BHMA has recently had four representatives (Phil Goossens, Pemko; Roger Skold, NGP; Ron Slusarski, Sargent; Michael Tierney, BHMA) named to the Underwriters Laboratories Standards Technical Panel (STP) for Fire Doors and Windows. Which reminds us, for standards written by NFPA, ICC, ASTM, as well as UL, BHMA is well-represented on most of the committees. The standards are all part of an open, consensus based development process. You have the opportunity, through a number of methods, to affect the clarity, accuracy and content of the standards that affect our industry.



MARKETING NEWS

The Certified Products Directory (CPD) is growing. Currently we have over 100 listings and thousands of products have been certified. **Are your products certified?** If not, contact Marlon Pando at mpando@kellencompany.com or call 212.297.2108.



DID YOU KNOW?

BHMA has a registered program with the American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System (AIA/CES)? This program is a PowerPoint presentation designed to run approximately one hour and affords AIA members with 1.0 Learning Hours as well as Health, Safety and Welfare (HSW) credit... If you are interested in receiving a copy of "BHMA Certified: Quality Assurance in Builders Hardware," (or if you would like to be a presenter of this program) please contact BHMA at bhma@kellen-company.com. All materials needed for the presentation and follow-up record keeping are available in electronic format from BHMA headquarters.

Florida Building Code Improvements

Progress in the Florida Building Code and the SDI/BHMA Windstorm Component Test Standard is helping to streamline the approval process. Effective July 2002, most jurisdictions will accept independent third party testing and labeling of components (although not mandatory until October 2003). At the same time, BHMA and SDI have successfully balloted their members for approval of the joint standard. It is now undergoing ANSI approval. Intertek Testing Services, who through Rick Curkeet has worked closely with the Florida code process, is already going ahead and offering a listing service to the requirements of ASTM E 1886 using the BHMA/SDI component test methods. This is expected to satisfy the Hurricane requirements of most Florida locales. Some areas may also require additional tests such as water penetration (ASTM E 331 or others, which can also be certified by various independent test labs); check with the Florida Building Code and local authorities, and ITS.

REMINDER...

Supply your listings for the **Certification Directory** by October 15, 2002, for publication in the 2003 edition. However, submissions for updates may be made at any time. At this time, 17 Standards are represented in the directory.

MEETINGS FOR 2002 & 2003

The 2002 Fall Annual Meeting will be held October 3-5 at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

The 2003 Spring Membership Meeting will be held April 14-16 at the Omni Tucson National Golf Resort and Spa in Tucson, AZ.

The 2003 Fall Annual Meeting will be held September 8-10 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Beach Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs, FL (Naples coast).