



## IG Certification Task Group Conference Call Notes September 13, 2006

**Attendees:** Brad Schultz; Chuck Anderson; Chuck Pergler; Dave DeBlock; Joe Jonely; John Kent; Steve Strawn; Tina Jenkins; Jacque McCracken; Jim Benney

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Tina Jenkins (Simonton Windows) agreed to be the task group chair.

The group agreed that there were many positive reasons for requiring IG certification for seal durability for NFRC Program participants, including:

- IGMA studies showed a positive relationship between certified IGU's and long term durability.
- Provides NFRC with a long-term performance program
- Is required ( per 101/IS2-97, NAFS-02 and 101/I.S.2/A440-05)
- Many manufacturers already have IG certification (an estimated 700 participants)

There was concern about the cost implications, especially for small manufacturers. It was estimated that the annual costs would be about \$2000-\$3000. However, it was noted that many small manufacturers do not fabricate their own IG's – therefore the burden would be on the suppliers, not the manufacturers.\*

It was agreed that an hour-long forum be provided at the upcoming membership meeting in Washington DC that includes representatives from IG certification groups (IGMA, IGMA, IGCC, NAMI, ALI, etc.) to discuss standards for seal durability, required levels, and differences in program requirements.

The group anticipated having PCP language ready for ballot prior to the Spring 2007 meeting.

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\* IGMA has noted that the implementation of an established quality control system and participation in a nationally recognized third party insulating glass certification program is an insulating glass manufacturer's best protection against liability claims. The cost to participate in a certification program is a small fraction of the cost to litigate.