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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### *NFRC Announces Staffing Changes*

- *Bipin Shah leaves NFRC to start consulting firm, manage NFRC Component Modeling Program*
- *NFRC hires Maria Terezia Bulbuc as Director of Education; Jacqueline McCracken as Certification Program Coordinator*

Silver Spring, Md. – June 2, 2006 – The National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) announced staffing changes today.

Bipin Shah, Director of Programs, left NFRC on June 1 to start his own consulting firm, WinBuild Inc. As a contractor, he will continue to manage the development of NFRC's Component Modeling Program for nonresidential projects.

Maria Terezia Bulbuc will start as NFRC's new Director of Education on June 19. A chemical engineer with a background in designing, building, and managing testing laboratories, Bulbuc will lead NFRC's efforts to work with and educate the design community, building officials; in addition, her background will solidify NFRC's technical expertise with its members and program participants.

"As our longest-serving staff member, Bipin played a key role in building NFRC into the organization it is today," said Jim Benney, NFRC's Executive Director. "We thank him for his years of service, wish him well in his new venture, and look forward to working closely with him to develop a valuable and useful new tool for the nonresidential sector of the fenestration industry."

Benney added that Bulbuc will play an important role: "We have heard loud and clear from our members and others that NFRC needs to improve its relationships with architects, specifiers, building officials, and others who can benefit from our program and ratings. With her background, Maria will be able to jump right in, reach out to these important customers, and serve as a full-time point of contact for them."

Jacqueline McCracken will join NFRC as Certification Program Coordinator on June 12. A Texas native with a background in production and quality control, Jacqueline will report directly to Jessica Ferris and will have primary responsibility for daily operations of NFRC's Product Certification Program (PCP).

"Jacqueline's experience as a production control analyst and her extensive work in quality control and compliance make her uniquely qualified to oversee the PCP," said Benney. "She is a perfect fit for the NFRC team."

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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.

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