

John W. Lewis, Jr. Joins the NFRC Team

Latest hire fills newly created position



Greenbelt, MD., 2009 April 7 – The National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) today announced fenestration industry veteran John W. Lewis, Jr. has joined its staff. Lewis will fill the newly created position, manager of business development and outreach.

“I’m excited about helping NFRC further its mission by identifying new business opportunities and promoting emerging programs such as the component modeling approach,” Lewis said. “I’m also looking forward to reaching out to the industry on the whole to increase recognition of NFRC’s rating and labeling system.”

Lewis earned his B.S. degree in education from the University of Illinois, and in 1977 he began teaching woodworking at the high school level. Seeking greater challenges and opportunities, he entered the fenestration industry in 1983 by joining Caradco, which was the oldest manufacturer of wood, windows, and doors at the time. During his 11 years with Caradco, Lewis earned a B.S. degree in general engineering from the University of Illinois.

As a result of earning his degree, Lewis was recruited in 1994 to serve as the vice president of engineering at Malta Wood, Windows, and Doors. In 1997, Lewis was asked to bring his skills to Philips Products. Malta and Philips are both part of the same parent company. Lewis accepted the vice president of engineering position and served Philips in this capacity until 2004, when he earned his MBA from Notre Dame and was recruited to serve as vice president of engineering at TRACO, a manufacturer of fenestration products.

In 2006, after being promoted to TRACO’s vice president of engineering and operations, Lewis chose to join the American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA) as its technical director. In this position, Lewis was responsible for representing the interests of AAMA’s membership at International Code Council (ICC) meetings while managing regulatory affairs, certifications, and technical standards.

“John Lewis has been involved with NFRC in various roles since the early 1990’s,” said Jim Benney, NFRC’s executive director. “His diverse background and industry expertise enable him to bring a unique perspective to his new position, and this will help NFRC build valuable, enduring relationships that will help the organization grow.”