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Tom Herron, NFRC’s Senior Director, Market Development, recently published an article discussing sustainability in two professional sports stadiums. You can read it here.

Read more

Drones Could Accelerate Future of Fenestration Testing

University of Florida graduate students Farah Akiely and Vikram Ganesan showed an early prototype and its potential at NFRC’s September 23 Green Track meeting in Charlotte.

Read more
"Everything you need to Know about Exterior Doors"

When searching for the best exterior door, then, the following criteria should be taken into consideration: Energy Performance Ratings and Energy Star Doors.

Read more www.buildwithrise.com

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2020 Board of Directors Candidates

The 2020 Board of Directors Election is now open. If you are the voting representative, make sure to vote before November 8, 2019. If you do not know who the voting representative is, please email Jessica Finn at jfinn@nfrc.org.

You can read more about the candidates here.

Commercial Ratings Program Update

At last month’s Fall Membership Meeting in Charlotte, NC, Steve Urich (NFRC Programs Director) and April Rawson (NFRC Commercial Program Manager) updated attendees on efforts to streamline and improve the NFRC commercial ratings program to increase participation by addressing stakeholder needs. NFRC staff conducted field research and has worked closely with a 14-member NFRC Board Work Group, which represented the commercial, residential, lab and research sectors.

During the presentation, Steve and April discussed ways to make the program more adaptive to address challenges present within the commercial sector’s segmented and complex environment. To provide commercial projects with the accuracy, flexibility and speed they need to generate ratings and ensure code compliance, the proposal would offer two pathways to certification under the revised program: one for heavily customized projects and another for projects with more repeat-use materials. Work group members Steve Fronek and Kevin Dix were among those conveying support for the two-path approach. NFRC staff and work group members are refining program and technical details and are targeting the Spring Meeting in College Park, MD for a program ballot.
**FenStar® Update:**

Thank you to Doug Anderson at the EPA for giving us an update on the ENERGY STAR® program at the NFRC Fall Meeting. The link to the Discussion Guide for the review of the ENERGY STAR criteria on the ENERGY STAR webpage is [here](#).

Additionally, the link to the Most Efficient category for 2020 is [here](#).

Verification testing is continuing on. Please communicate any issues that arise during the process as quickly as possible. Cooperation from all involved is crucial to completing as many of the tests as possible this year.

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**In Case You Missed It!**

**NFRC’s 2018 Annual Report**

Discover the highlights of our goals and actions in 2018, celebrating our 30th anniversary of providing fair, accurate, and credible ratings.

[Read Annual Report](#)

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**Opportunity to Partner with the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon**

The [Solar Decathlon](#) is a collegiate competition comprising 10 contests, that challenges student teams to design and build highly efficient, innovative homes powered by renewable energy.

The Solar Decathlon Build Challenge will take place June 25 – July 5, 2020 on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the [Smithsonian Folklife Festival](#). The event will feature 11 teams with tourable homes, and/or displays of their locally built homes. With over **500,000 expected attendees** including the general public and policy makers, this event is a tremendous opportunity to feature your brand and priorities.

See the sponsorship opportunities [here](#). For more information, contact Holly Carr at [holly.carr@ee.doe.gov](mailto:holly.carr@ee.doe.gov) or 202-287-1409.

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**Shows / Meetings**

**November 2019**


- [WINDOOR](#), Ontario, CA -- November 20 - 21. **Airienne Jeffery**, Programs Administrator & **Steve McDowell**, Residential Program Manager

NFRC envisions a future where every window, door, and skylight purchase decision is made using the NFRC label to evaluate energy performance.