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DWM Green Award - NFRC is Industry Partner of the Year

We thank Door and Window Market Magazine (DWM), for this excellent award. "for its 30 years of industry collaboration that's aimed at more efficient products and public awareness" DMW.

For 30 years, NFRC's work contributes to the energy efficiency of homes and offices and improves the health and comfort of occupants by providing fair, accurate, and credible ratings.

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Save the Date!

You don’t want to miss NFRC’s Spring Committee Meeting in College Park, Maryland, from March 16-18, 2020. There will be networking, leadership
Mission Possible - Celebrating NFRC's 30th Anniversary

30 Voices for 30 Years

NFRC Emerging Leader, Stephanie Skoglund from Quast Consulting & Testing, Inc., she volunteers and supports several task groups and work groups. Her in-depth knowledge of the NFRC Laboratory and Simulation requirements has made her indispensable to the industry.

Click here to read the story

New Comms Director Hired

NFRC is excited to announce the hiring of Michelle Blackston as the new Senior Director of Communications and Marketing.

Read more

NFRC is looking forward to working with our members throughout 2020. As always, thank you for your dedication to the organization. We are always looking for ways to deliver the most value through your membership and we are excited to share our enhanced member benefits package. As the organization has grown, we are excited to be able to include the following benefits in your membership:

- Leaders Network – All employees may participate in Leaders Network Activities with no additional costs. Learn more about the program here
- Retailer Assistance Program – Whether you sell your products in stores, or privately, these resources are available to your company. Learn more about this program here.
- Sustainability Educational Sessions – Sessions offered throughout the year that focus on NFRC’s place in sustainable building.

To see the complete list of member benefits, please visit our membership page. If you interested in becoming a member, click here.

FenStar® 2020 Verification Testing

NFRC provides Verification Testing (VT) for products to maintain their ENERGY STAR® certification through its FenStar® program. FenStar staff are working with EPA to
determine the 2020 VT selections. Please ensure the ENERGY STAR Product Line Identification Tool (PESI) is up to date. The PESI is used to communicate the product lines that are certified and eligible for VT to ENERGY STAR.

The Schedule for 2020 VT is outlined below.

- Partners Notified of Selections: 1/15/2020 – 3/1/2020
- All Test Units Arrive at Labs: 4/15/2020
- Thermal Testing Completed: 9/30/2020
- Component Evaluations Completed: 11/15/2020
- FVT Completed: 12/31/2020

Please contact Dan Womer with any questions or concerns.

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**Important Information for CMAST Users**

For CMAST client application users, as of Jan. 14, 2020 Microsoft will no longer provide support for Windows 7, which is the operating system some users employ to run the CMAST tool. We are actively working on a new CMAST client solution and plan to make it available later this year. In the meantime, we recommend upgrading the computer that is used to access CMAST, to Microsoft Windows 8.1. ([https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=42335](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=42335))

Please let us know if you have issues accessing or using CMAST Client Application once the operating system has been upgraded, and we will assist you.

If you have any questions about CMAST, please contact support@nfrc.org

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**Sustainability / Green Building**

**4 Design Features to Bring Nature into the Home**

Bringing nature inside the home with specifically targeted design elements can resonate with and draw in potential home buyers and remodeling clients.

[Read more nahbnow.com](nahbnow.com)
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 or 202-287-1409.

Shows / Meetings

January 2020


February 2020


March 2020

- NFRC 2020 Spring Committee Meeting, College Park, MD - - March 16 - 18, 2020

October 2020

- NFRC 2020 Fall Membership Meeting, Location TBD -- October 19 - 21, 2020

National Fenestration Rating Council

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