



Glass Facts

April - June 2011

SEGA Chairman's Message



Welcome from the SEGA Board of Directors on this wonderful summer day! It appears that the summer crowds are back with a vengeance after a few years of less than stellar appearances. This bodes well for a state that is driven by tourism and people's desire to share in our wealth of sun, sand and hospitality. Hopefully, this will also continue to bode well for the construction industry in the Southeast U.S.!

Construction is a key life blood of the Southeast. Many of our fellow citizens take part in this industry in various ways. Whether they are a carpenter swinging a hammer or a delivery person bringing materials to a job site, the health of the construction industry is critical to the health of their personal finances. It has been far too long since the health of both is what it needs to be for the citizens of our region!

The uptick in building in the tourist Meca of Orlando also appears to have taken hold. Disney is restarting projects that have long been on hold. Hotels are once again springing up like Sea Oats. Slow and sure but

once rooted, they hold the promise of people coming to have fun and spend money. Money which will hire more people who will then have more money to spend. The wheels of commerce grind ever so slowly but once they are put in motion, their inertia can last for many seasons.

The other good news is of Governor Scott's signing of HB 849, a bill from the Florida's legislative process that establishes the Glass and Glazing License as a mandatory Division II Contractors License. The State Certified Glass and Glazing Contractor License is a requirement that many of us have sought for years. It will raise the professionalism of our trade and become a hard incentive to do our trade's work properly to meet all building codes. Our trade is a critical part of the components and cladding of a building and a key part of the safety of both the interior and exterior of a building. It is now time that the critical nature of our trade be recognized with this full fledged license.

It is also time for SEGA to renew it membership. SEGA is the conduit to assist members of the organization in attaining their mandatory license. SEGA has the resources and connections to make this achievement as expeditious as possible. While the efforts of preparing, testing and applying to get a license are considerable, the satisfaction of gaining Florida's certified license for this trade is a pinnacle in one's career in the glass and glazing business. We need to share this news with all who are involved in this business.

The SEGA Board of Directors wishes everyone who reads this a continued blessed and prosperous year.

Sincerely,

*Fred L. Poynor
SEGA Chairman*

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SOUTHEAST GLASS ASSOCIATION 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

13-15 Construction Industry Licensing Board
Meeting, Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention
Center, Kissimmee

August

10-12 Construction Industry Licensing Board
Meeting, Embassy Suites Tampa/USF
16-17 Glass & Glazing Specialty License Exam

September

12-14 GlassBuild America:
The Glass, Window & Door Expo,
Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA
TBA Construction Industry Licensing Board
Meeting

October

10 Board of Director's Meeting Conference Call
12-14 Construction Industry Licensing Board
Meeting, Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention
Center, Kissimmee
18-19 Glass & Glazing Specialty License Exam

November

9-11 .. Construction Industry Licensing Board Meeting
Hampton Inn & Suites Amelia Island,
Fernandina Beach

December

13-14 Glass & Glazing Specialty License Exam

2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

21-22 Glass & Glazing Specialty License Exam

June

19-20 Glass & Glazing Specialty License Exam

September

12-14 GlassBuild America:
The Glass, Window & Door Expo,
Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV

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7342 for current rates and information.

Glass & Glazing Contractor License Update

Florida passed **HB 849, Chapter Law 2011-222**, during the 2011 Legislative Session and was signed by Governor Rick Scott on June 24, 2011. **HB 849** establishes the glass and glazing contractor category as a Division II licensing category. All existing specialty glass and glazing contractors will be reclassified as Division II licensees. This also changes the license to a statute versus a rule, thus, making the Florida Certified Glass and Glazing Contractors License a requirement for anyone doing any type of glass and glazing work either inside or outside of any type of building.

With the law becoming effective July 1, 2011, it is critical that all those who intend to do glass and glazing work anywhere in the State of Florida start the process of getting their state certified license immediately. It is a stringent process, but there is help available. The Southeast Glass Association (SEGA) can help guide its members through the requirements. SEGA has the means and experience to make this activity as pain free as possible.

In order to accommodate the expected number of license applicants, the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) has added two new testing dates to the glass and glazing license testing calendar. August and December have been added to the already scheduled October test date. There should not be any reason for anyone, wanting to attain their Florida State Certified Glass and Glazing Contractors License over the next year, to not start the process now. **[Click here for more information on the Glass & Glazing examination.](#)**

The following is a list of exam dates and locations:

August 16-17, 2011

Tallahassee – National Guard Armory
Kissimmee – Osceola Heritage Park
Miami – Doubletree Miami Mart Airport Hotel

October 18-19, 2011

Tallahassee – National Guard Armory
Kissimmee – Osceola Heritage Park
Miami – Doubletree Miami Mart Airport Hotel

December 13-14, 2011

Tallahassee – National Guard Armory
Kissimmee – Osceola Heritage Park
Miami – Doubletree Miami Mart Airport Hotel

February 21-22, 2012

Tallahassee – National Guard Armory
Kissimmee – Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center
Miami – Doubletree Miami Mart Airport Hotel

June 19-20, 2012

Tallahassee – National Guard Armory
Kissimmee – Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center
Miami – Doubletree Miami Mart Airport Hotel

Please note: Per Florida State Statute, individuals must reserve their seat 30 days prior to the next available exam date. If you reserve your seat after the 30 days prior to the next available exam date, the system will automatically reserve you a seat at the next available exam date (i.e., If you reserve your seat after July 16, 2011 for the August 16-17, 2011 exam date, you will automatically reserve a seat for the October 18-19, 2011 exam date.).

Also, the link to the Florida Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) is **www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/cilb/index.html** if you would like to obtain further information on the licensing process.

With all of the above in mind, SEGA asks that active member of SEGA pass this information along to non-members who do work in the Florida market. This will help them become aware of the new requirement and to encourage them to start the process immediately. SEGA is here to assist its members so that they can successfully navigate the licensing process.

Non-Members Can Join SEGA at Half Price

Are you receiving the *Glass Facts* but are not a member of SEGA? Effective immediately, non-member companies can join SEGA for as low as \$112.50.

To take advantage of mid-year pricing today and join the southeast's premier glass and glazing trade association, [please click here for a SEGA Membership Application](#) or contact the association office at (407) 831-7342 and request a membership application.

Welcome New Member!

SEGA extends a hearty welcome to the following new member. We thank them for joining our association and look forward to their participation in helping this association achieve its goals.

LMG Glass and Mirror, Inc.

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Glass & Glazing Contractor

2011 Legislative Session Update

The 2011 Legislative Session ended on May 6. There were very few construction issues that made it through the 2011 Legislation Session. The only true construction bill that passed this year was the Florida building codes (**HB 849**) bill which mostly addresses how the building commission handles building codes amendments.

The following is a summary of some of the bills that passed and were signed in to law by Governor Scott:

Building Code and Home Inspection

HB 849 was the building code and home inspection bill which included mandatory licensure for glass and glazing contractors. The bill passed both chambers, and the governor signed the bill into law, **Chapter Law 2011-222**, on June 24, 2011.

Residential Building Permits

Chapter Law 2011-82 adds subsection (17) to s. 553.79, F.S., to provide that a local enforcement

agency, and any local building code administrator, inspector, or other official or entity, may not require, as a condition of issuance of a one- or two-family residential building permit, the inspection of any portion of a building, structure, or real property that is not directly impacted by the activity for which the permit is sought.

The provision does not apply to building permits being sought for a substantial improvement; a change of occupancy; a conversion from residential to nonresidential or mixed-use; and an historic building. The bill clarifies that a local enforcing agency, or any local building code administrator, inspector, or other official or entity, from citing or inspecting under certain circumstances.

Subsection (17) of s. 553.79, F.S., is repealed when the Secretary of State receives written certification from the chair of the Florida Building Commission that the commission has adopted an amendment to the Florida Building Code, which substantially incorporates these provisions as part of the code and the amendment has taken effect.

Growth Management/Impact Fees

Chapter Law 2011-14 reenacts portions of existing law most closely related to comprehensive planning and land development amended by chapter 2009-96, Laws of Florida, (CS/CS/SB 360) passed by the Legislature in 2009. The law provides for an extension and renewal of certain permits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) or a water management district. Any permit issued by DEP or a water management district pursuant to part IV of Chapter 373, F.S., that has an expiration date of September 1, 2008, through January 1, 2012, is extended and renewed for a period of two years following its date of expiration. This extension includes any local government-issued development order or building permit. The two-year extension also applies to build out dates including any build out date extension previously granted under s. 380.06(19)(c), Florida Statutes.

Unemployment Compensation

Chapter Law 2011-235 is effective upon becoming law which was signed on June 28, 2011. The law was a rewrite to the current law which has been in effect since the 1930s and was favorable to employees. This rewrite now helps employers. The bill reduces the maximum number of weeks individuals can receive unemployment benefits from 26 to 23 weeks, and the rate is based on a percentage adjusted to the

assessment as well as drug testing.

State Reciprocity in Workers' Compensation Claims

Chapter Law 2011-171 provides that Florida employees injured while temporarily working for their employer in another state are to receive benefits under Florida's Workers' Compensation Law (Ch. 440, F.S.). Employees who work in another state for no more than 10 consecutive days or a maximum of 25 total days in a calendar year are considered to be "temporarily working" in that state. Additionally, out-of-state employees injured while temporarily working in Florida (and their employers) are exempted from Florida's Workers' Compensation Law and will receive benefits under the law of their home state if certain conditions are met.

Check Out What is Exciting with SEGA in 2011

The Southeast Glass Association (SEGA) launched its new and improved website. This improvement helps your company's profile by getting your name in front of potential customers.

To kick things off this year, SEGA rolled out a new membership service. It now provides access to a website where consumers can find SEGA members for all their glazing and auto glass needs. SEGA will list the scope of work its members provide and whether its services are for residential and/or commercial.

SEGA is an affiliated chapter of the National Glass Association (NGA). By being a SEGA member, you can take advantage of all the exclusive members-only discounts offered by NGA. These exclusive discounts are offered on shipping, consulting services and credit card processing just to name a few.

The following is a list of some of the services and benefits currently offered by SEGA or is offered through NGA that you can take advantage of:

- Monitoring government regulations that affect the architectural and auto glass industries.
- Keeping members up-to-date and informed on industry issues.
- Up-to-date website, www.southeastglass.org.
- Publishing quarterly magazine, Glass Facts.
- Providing preparatory classes for the state certified Glass & Glazing License.
- Holding regional meetings throughout the state to discuss industry issues.
- Providing continuing education seminars for contractors licensed through the Department of Business & Professional Regulation.
- Consumer on-line access to members of SEGA (coming December 1).

Cost Cutting Member Services

- **American Equipment Finance**
\$300 discount on processing fee.
- **Consulting Collaborative – Consulting Services**
Exclusive 10% discount on services.
- **Contact Point – Customer Service and Sales Training**
A free customer service and sales call evaluation through a mystery shopping offer.
- **Core Health Insurance**
Save money and gain access to medical insurance.
- **Creative Solutions Group**
Compelling company and employee benefits that can be passed to employees.
- **Electronic Data Payment Systems – Bankcard Processing Service**
No enrollment fees, no monthly minimums and a variety of low priced equipment.
- **FedEx® – Advantage Program**
Discounts up to 29% on select FedEx services and additional savings on FedEx Freight.
- **GlassInsure – National Insurance Program Management**
A selection of insurance coverages designed to meet the needs of the architectural and flat glass industry.
- **Marketing Pilgrim – Online Reputation Management**
An exclusive discount on all search engine optimization audits.
- **Staples Advantage**
Immediate access to over 30,000 products at prices negotiated for members.
- **Transworld Systems**
Access to debt recovery services.
- **UPS Freight**
A minimum of a 70% discount and will work with members to customize rates.
- **UPS**
Up to 26% off UPS Express air and international shipments.
- **YRC**
Competitive discounts on qualifying less-than-truckload (LTL) shipments.

Education, Training and Certification

- [MyGlassClass.com](#)
50% off non-member subscription prices for Auto, Flat and Window & Door courses.
- [Glass Management Institute](#)
\$600.00 off complete program or \$400.00 off individual modules.
- [NGA Certification](#)
Discount on all certification exams.
- [Educational Webinars](#)
50% off non-member registration fees.
- [Reference Manuals and Products](#)
50% off most items in the NGA store.

Resources available on [Glass.org](#)

- [Ask the Expert](#)
Ask an industry related question.
asktheexpert@glass.org.
- [Industry Tips & Tricks](#)
NGA staff and industry contributors share tips on how to improve your business and money saving tricks.
- [Find a Member](#)
- [Find a Certified Technician](#)
- [Employment Center](#)

SEGA is Connected through LinkedIn

SEGA has set up a link on its home page for LinkedIn. What is LinkedIn? It is the world's largest professional network with over 100 million members and growing rapidly. LinkedIn connects you to your trusted contacts and helps you exchange knowledge, ideas, and opportunities with a broader network of professionals.

SEGA is now an open group on LinkedIn. We are available for open discussion group. All future discussions will be fully visible, searchable and shareable on the web. All past discussions are now closed in a members-only archive. Your network is full of industry experts willing to share advice. Have a question? Just ask.

We look forward to our future discussions now joining the broader conversation of the wider web. Join today by going to the SEGA website at www.southeastglass.org and click on the LinkedIn logo.

2011 SEGA Board of Directors

SEGA needs your help. We need members to volunteer to serve on the SEGA Board of Directors. By serving on the board of directors, you can develop self-satisfaction; get an insight into how the organization is run; sharpen your leadership abilities; build prestige for you and your company; network with other peers; share various responsibilities; have an opportunity to give something back to the industry as well as help the industry; and develop a sense of accomplishment.

Term:

- The term of the office for a member of the Board of Directors is one year starting on January 1.

Responsibilities:

- Board of Directors shall be responsible for the entire management of the association and of the income and property thereof, including authority to issue debentures or borrow money for corporate purposes.
- The Board of Directors shall establish all rules and regulations necessary to conduct its business and may change the same from time to time.
- Attend three Board of Director's Meetings yearly.

If you are interested in serving on the board or a becoming a committee member for 2011, please contact the SEGA office at (407) 831-7342.

2012 Ballot Proposed Constitutional Amendments

The Florida House Office of Public Information has created a list of several proposed constitutional amendments that passed the Florida House and Senate this Session. All of the bills have been enrolled and are waiting to be "signed by officers" and presented to the Governor. Once the Governor receives the bill, he will have 15 consecutive calendar days from receipt within which to review the legislation and take action.

Here are some Quick Facts regarding the Florida Constitution:

1838: Florida's first Constitution established.

59: Number of constitutional amendments proposed during the 2011 Session.

7: Number of constitutional amendments passed during the 2011 Session.

The Florida Constitution provides the framework for our state's government, grants rights to its citizens, and outlines the process by which amendments to the Constitution may be proposed and enacted. There are several ways to amend the Florida Constitution, one of which is through a Joint Resolution passed by the Legislature. Joint Resolutions proposing amendments to the Florida Constitution must be passed by a 3/5 vote of all members in the Florida House and Senate, respectively. After both chambers pass a Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional amendment, the amendment text and title, as well as a ballot summary of the amendment (if there is a ballot summary) as it will appear on the electoral ballot must be printed twice in newspapers throughout the state before the election. The proposed amendment can then be submitted to Floridians for a vote, usually at the next general election. The actual ballot given to voters on Election Day typically contains the amendment title and a summary of the amendment, which is called the "ballot summary." If 60 percent of the people who vote on the amendment vote "yes", the Florida Constitution is changed to reflect the amendment.

Floridians can take action in the form of a legal challenge to stop a proposed amendment from appearing on an electoral ballot if they believe the language used to identify and describe the amendment is inaccurate or misleading. This formal challenge is usually presented in a state court. When a challenge is filed, the court hears arguments from both sides and then makes a determination about whether the amendment, as it is titled and described in the ballot summary, can legally appear before Florida voters.

There are four other ways to amend the Florida Constitution, which include an initiative petition, proposal by the Constitution Revision Commission, proposal by the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission or a proposal by a Constitutional Convention.

The following is a listing of the Joint Resolutions passed by both houses of the Florida Legislature during the 2011 Legislative Session. For additional information

regarding individual Joint Resolutions, visit the Florida House of Representatives website and search for each Joint Resolution by number.

CS/HJR 7111: Proposes a Constitutional Amendment to address reforms to Florida's court system structure and function. The bill passed the House on May 3, 2011, by a vote of 80-38 and passed the Senate on May 5, 2011, by a vote of 24-11.

In Memory of Hoyle Penna

It is with deepest sadness that we inform you of the passing of Hoyle Penna on June 9, 2011.



PENNA, HOYLE, age 79, of Orlando passed away on June 9, 2011 in the comfort of his home and with his wife of 55 years. Hoyle was born on December 9, 1931 in Baldwin, MS. He graduated from Baldwin HS in 1951. As a young man, Hoyle enjoyed playing all sports and excelled at basketball. Hoyle served his country in the **Korean War** as a member of the US Army. Hoyle moved to Orlando in 1970. As a successful businessman, Hoyle dedicated his professional life to the commercial glass business. He was co-founder of Glass Systems, Inc in 1978 and served as President of the company. A dedicated family man, Hoyle maintained strong family and community ties, and actively served in his church. He is survived by his wife, Ellon; and 3 children: Sherry Scuderi, Tena Heath (Miles), Michael Penna (Paula). He had two beloved sisters, Sue Walls and Mary Christian. He also had 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Please send donations to Hospice of the Comforter: 480 W. Central Parkway, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Penna family and friends.

- Revises provisions relating to the repeal of court rules.
- Limits re-adoption of repealed court rules.
- Provides for Senate confirmation of Supreme Court justices’.
- Requires the Judicial Qualifications Commission (JQC) to make all files available to the Florida House Speaker.

CS/SJR 2: Proposes a Constitutional Amendment to prohibit any laws from compelling any Floridian or employer to purchase, obtain or provide health care coverage. The bill passed the Senate on March 9, 2011, by a vote of 29–10 and passed the House on May 4, 2011, by a vote of 80–37.

- Allows a person or employer to purchase services directly from a health care provider at their own discretion.
- Allows a health care provider to accept direct payment for services if a patient chooses to pay out of pocket.

CS/CS/CS/CS/CS/HJR 381: Proposes a Constitutional Amendment to prohibit increases in assessed value of homestead and specified non-homestead property if the property’s value decreases. The bill passed the House on May 2, 2011, by a vote of 105–11 and passed the Senate on May 4, 2011, by a vote of 25–12.

- Reduces limitations on annual assessment increases for non-homestead real property.
- Provides additional homestead exemption for owners of homestead property who have not owned homestead property for a specific time.
- Removes future repeal of provisions limiting annual assessment increases for specified non-homestead real property.

CS/SJR 592: Proposes a Constitutional Amendment to expand the property tax discount to an increased number of veterans who became disabled as a result of a combat injury. The bill passed the Senate on May 2, 2011, by a vote of 38–0 and passed the House on May 4, 2011, by a vote of 117–0.

- Provides property tax discount benefits to veterans who were not Florida residents when they entered the military in addition to those who were Floridians when they began their service.

CS/SJR 958: Proposes a Constitutional Amendment

to replace the existing state revenue limitation with a new state revenue limitation based on inflation and population change. The bill passed the Senate on March 3, 2011, by a vote of 27–13 and passed the House on May 4, 2011, by a vote of 78–40.

- Requires any revenue collected above the state cap to first be deposited in the Budget Stabilization Fund, then used to support public education, then be given back to the taxpayers if there is enough excess.
- Authorizes the Legislature to increase the revenue limitation for any fiscal year by a supermajority vote in the Legislature or a 3/5 vote by the Florida electorate.
- These increases are only valid for one year and are not factored in when calculating the cap for subsequent years.

CS/HJR 1179: Proposes a Constitutional Amendment in order to prohibit public dollars from funding abortions. The bill passed the Senate on April 28, 2011, by a vote of 27–12 and passed the House on May 4, 2011, by a vote of 79–34.

- Prohibits the State Constitution from being interpreted to create broader rights for those seeking an abortion than the rights contained in the U.S. Constitution.

CS/HJR 1471: Proposes a Constitutional Amendment in order to allow any individual or entity to use revenues from public treasury to aid any church, sect or religious denomination in aid of any sectarian institution. The bill passed the House on April 27, 2011, by a vote of 81–35 and passed the Senate on May 6, 2011, by a vote of 26–10.

- No individual can be denied any government benefit, funding or other support based on religious identity or belief.

Governor Scott Names Ken Lawson Secretary of DBPR

On March 23, 2011, Governor Rick Scott named former federal prosecutor Ken Lawson as Secretary of the Florida Department of Business & Professional

Regulation (DBPR). A native Floridian, Lawson has held numerous regulatory positions within the private sector and federal government. As Secretary of DBPR, Lawson will oversee the licensing and regulation of businesses and professionals in the state of Florida.

Lawson has held several senior positions with federal law enforcement agencies prior to this appointment. As the Assistant Secretary of Enforcement for the Department of the Treasury, he oversaw a staff of over fifty attorneys and investigators and had oversight of federal law enforcement agencies responsible for protection of America's financial system. Lawson has also served as the Assistant Chief Counsel for Field Operations at the Transportation Security Administration. For seven years, he was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division for the Middle District of Florida (Tampa). In addition, Lawson served as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps, Judge Advocate General's Division.

In the private sector, he spent two years with Booz Allen Hamilton as a consultant, including a year as Chief of Party for the Financial Crimes Prevention Project in Jakarta, Indonesia, where he directed international anti-money laundering, anticorruption, and counterterrorist financing projects. Lawson most recently served as Vice-President for Compliance at nFinanSe Inc., a financial services company in Tampa. He is a graduate of Florida State University and the Florida State University College of Law.

"With his background in federal law enforcement, prosecution, and the military, Ken Lawson brings an impressive track record to DBPR," said Governor Scott.

Message from DBPR Secretary Ken Lawson

Over the past few months, I've been evaluating DBPR's leadership structure and the Department's organization logistics. I've been looking for ways to maintain quality leadership and direction that will benefit our customers while streamlining our Department and improving efficiency.

With those goals as my focus, I am pleased to announce some changes here at DBPR. Tim Vaccaro,

previously the director of the Department's Division of Professions, will now serve as the Deputy Secretary of Professional Regulation. G.W. Harrell, previously the Executive Director of the Construction Industry Licensing Board, will now lead the Division of Professions as the new director. I am excited about these two appointments because I know these individuals care about our customers and will work to make sure businesses and professionals have a good experience when interacting with DBPR.

I have also appointed Reggie Dixon to serve as the Executive Director of the Drugs, Devices and Cosmetics program, which will be transferred to our Department in October. And last but certainly not least, we welcomed Ruth Dillard to DBPR as our new Director of Administration and Financial Management, merging two former divisions together to improve efficiency and agency management.

I am confident these changes will help DBPR meet our mission to license efficiently and regulate fairly. As always, the Department is committed to serving our customers and making Florida the best place for business!

*Sincerely,
Ken Lawson
Secretary*

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Reporting Requirement for Criminal Convictions

As of October 1, 2009, Section 455.227(1)(t), Florida Statutes requires all professional licensees to report to the department within 30 days of being convicted or found guilty of, or having plead nolo contendere or guilty to a crime in any jurisdiction. The statute also requires the reporting of any convictions that occurred prior to October 1, 2009. A licensee who fails to report that information may be subject to disciplinary action, including fines, suspension or license revocation. To report this information, complete the criminal self-reporting document and mail it to the department.

Federal Lead-Based Paint Abatement Program

The United States Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for administering the lead based paint abatement program. Beginning in April 2010, contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified and must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. You can visit www.epa.gov/opptintr/lead/pubs/traincert.htm for information on certification requirements and training programs.

Division of Workers' Compensation Offers Free Classes

The Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of Workers' Compensation, is offering free classes regarding Florida's workers' compensation laws and workplace safety to business owners, licensed contractors and employers.

Workers' compensation topics covered include:

- Review of Key Statutory Definitions
- Contractor Responsibilities
- Exemptions
- Insurance Coverage Requirements
- Enforcement Provisions

Workplace safety topics presented by OSHA (U.S. Dept. of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration) include:

- Direct and Indirect Costs
- Inspections
- Florida Fatalities

The following is a list of class dates and times for future sessions.

August 10, 2011

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation

August 11, 2011

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workplace Safety

September 7, 2011

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation

September 8, 2011

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workplace Safety

October 12, 2011

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation

October 13, 2011

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workplace Safety

November 2, 2011

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation

November 3, 2011

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workplace Safety

December 14, 2011

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation

December 15, 2011

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workplace Safety

These seminars are open to all licensed contractors, business owners and employers. The Division of Workers' Compensation is an authorized provider (Provider Number: 0004354) for continuing education purposes through the CILB. Course Number: 0010118 – one hour satisfies the workers' compensation requirement and Course Number: 0010630 – one hour satisfies the workplace safety requirement.

Advanced registration is required. The form is available on the Division's website at www.myfloridacfo.com/WC. For additional information, e-mail bocseminars@MyFloridaCFO.com, or call (813) 221-6518.

Announcing GlassBuild America Educational Programs for 2011

GlassBuild America: The Glass, Window & Door Expo® is the most important annual gathering of glass industry professionals in North America, driven by over 300 Exhibiting Companies, innovations on display, peer-to-peer interaction and networking, and educational opportunities. This year's event, being held September 12-14, 2011 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, will feature a new Architects Forum alongside the forums and seminars that have been a success in the past. With three full-day forums and two seminars planned by the National Glass Association, GlassBuild America will feature something for everyone.

"Our team is quite excited about the educational programs we have planned for the 2011 trade show," said David Walker, NGA Vice President of Association Services. "Attendees can expect high quality speakers, relevant and timely topics, and engaging and thought provoking discussions."

Highlights include:

- **Sixth Annual NGA Glazing Executives Forum, September 12**
A full day of interactive breakout sessions, expert speakers, peer-to-peer sharing and networking. A must-attend event for every glazing professional.
- **Second Annual WDDA Window & Door Dealers Forum, September 13**
This event features breakout sessions, best practice sharing, top speakers and an informal networking reception. Content will be created and presented by window and door dealers.
- **First Annual NGA Architects Forum, September 13-14**
Co-presented by AAMA and the AIA Georgia and Atlanta chapters, this is an opportunity for Architects to learn more about the glass and glazing industry from industry experts and earn AIA credits. This forum includes tickets to both Thursday Seminars.

- **Seminar: Building Integrated Photovoltaic: It's Not the Future, It's the Now, September 14**

Moderated by Richard Voreis of Consulting Collaborative, this seminar will look at the numerous applications of solar technology. Attendees will learn about market trends, the challenges and opportunities, integration with curtain walls and other fenestration products and more.

- **Seminar: Trends in Decorative Glass, September 14**

This session will cover trends in the fast-growing and ever-changing Decorative Glass segment. Facilitated by Kris Vockler of ICD High Performance Coatings, attendees will learn the latest issues in Decorative Glass and its potential impact for their businesses. Session information will include the latest information on standards and products.

Attendee registration for GlassBuild America and the educational programs is now open.

About GlassBuild America: The Glass, Window & Door Expo

GlassBuild America is organized by the National Glass Association, in partnership with the Glass Association of North America, the American Architectural Manufacturers Association, the Insulating Glass Manufacturers Alliance and the Bath Enclosure Manufacturers Association. GlassBuild America is a member of the Global Fair Alliance. For more information about the Global Fair Alliance visit www.global-fair-alliance.com. GlassBuild America 2011 will be held September 12-14 in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information about GlassBuild America, contact: 866/342-5642, extension 300 or visit www.GlassBuildAmerica.com.

About the NGA

Founded in 1948, the National Glass Association is based outside Washington, DC, and representing over 2,000 member companies and locations, NGA offers certification, education and training. NGA publishes the industry's leading trade magazines: Glass Magazine® and Window & Door®; and e-newsletters: e-glass weekly™ and WDweekly™. In addition, NGA serves the industry and general public with its Web sites: www.glass.org,

www.GlassBuildAmerica.com,
www.GlassMagazine.com,
www.WindowandDoor.com, and
www.MyAutoGlass.org. NGA also hosts the
industry's premier annual trade event: *GlassBuild
America®: The Glass, Window & Door Expo*. For
more information on NGA, visit www.glass.org.

Distracted Driving: No Texting

More workers are killed each year in motor vehicle crashes than any other cause.

Businesses can help solve this big problem.

Workers' Safety is Your Business

Texting while driving puts millions of Americans who drive on the job at risk every day. That risk continues to grow as texting becomes more widespread. As a business owner or manager, it's your legal responsibility under the Occupational Safety and Health Act to safeguard drivers at work. This holds true whether they drive full-time or only occasionally to carry out their work, and whether they drive a company vehicle or their own. When your workers are behind the wheel doing your company's work, their safety is your business. That's why the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), which enforces worker safety laws, has joined with the Transportation Department, other Labor Department agencies and key associations and organizations to enlist the help and cooperation of businesses – large and small – in a nationwide outreach, education and enforcement effort to stop the dangerous practice of texting while driving. OSHA is prepared to act quickly. When OSHA receives a credible complaint that an employer requires texting while driving or organizes work so that texting is a practical necessity, we will investigate and will issue citations and penalties where necessary to end this practice.

Safety at Work is No Accident

Building a workplace culture of safety requires clear, explicit policies and sound practices. Send a clear message to workers and supervisors that your company neither requires nor condones texting while driving. Employers should:

- Prohibit texting while driving. OSHA encourages employers to declare their vehicles “text-free zones” and to emphasize that commitment to their

workers, customers and communities.

- Establish work procedures and rules that do not make it necessary for workers to text while driving in order to carry out their duties.
- Set up clear procedures, times and places for drivers' safe use of texting and other technologies for communicating with managers, customers and others.
- Incorporate safe communications practices into worker orientation and training.
- Eliminate financial and other incentive systems that encourage workers to text while driving.

How OSHA Helps

OSHA's distracted driving webpage (www.osha.gov/distracted-driving/index.html) provides useful resources, including:

- a model policy to use or adapt for your business
- information about how employers are combating this hazard
- research findings
- educational materials

The U.S. Department of Transportation website (www.distraction.gov) provides updates and information on the national campaign to prevent distracted driving.

Additional Assistance

OSHA's consultation program can help small and medium-sized businesses, at no cost, keep workers safe by providing:

- free and confidential advice
- on-site consultation
- assistance with identifying workplace hazards
- advice on compliance with OSHA standards
- assistance with safety and health programs

To learn more about how OSHA can help, visit www.OSHA.gov or call OSHA at (800) 321-6742.

Dangers of Distracted Driving

- Distracted driving crashes killed more than 5,400 people and injured nearly 500,000 in 2009.
- Researchers report that texting while driving claimed more than 16,000 lives from 2001 to 2007.
- Reaction time is delayed for a driver talking on a cell phone as much as it is for a driver who is legally drunk.
- Drivers who are texting take their eyes off the road 400% more than when they are not texting.
- More texting leads to more crashes. With each additional one million text messages, fatalities from distracted driving rose more than 75%.