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INDEPENDENT GLASS ASSOCIATION TO INCLUDE TECHNICAL TRAINING AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Auto glass business owners attending the Independent Glass Association's (IGA) 2008 Annual Conference and Spring Auto Glass ShowTM will benefit from several seminars in the conference's technical proficiency track designed to help increase installation aptitude. The technical track will culminate with an opportunity for qualified technicians to take IGA's AGRSS-Registered Auto Glass Technician Certification exam on the last day of the conference. The IGA Annual Conference and Spring Auto Glass ShowTM will take place May 1-3 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The technical track, scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, will consist of sessions covering new automotive designs and an intense two hour auto glass installation training session. Dale Malcolm of Dow Automotive will begin the educational track with a 45-minute session on new automotive designs related to automotive glass. The session will inform technicians of existing design changes and prepare them for future trends.

IGA has also, with the help of popular installation expert Bob Beranek of Auto Glass Consultants, created an intense two-hour training session focused squarely on perfecting attendees' instillation techniques. The technical session is based on the IGA's AGRSS-Registered Auto Glass Technician Certification program. It is designed to give technicians one more instructional experience before taking IGA's final certification exam. Qualified technicians will be able to take a written version of IGA's final certification exam immediately following the technical track. Interested parties should contact Patrick Smith at psmith@iga.org. (IGA Auto Glass Technician Certification fees apply.)

"Our members strive to be the best in their field. These sessions, along with IGA's AGRSS-Registered Auto Glass Certification, are designed to give them a competitive advantage on the technical side of their business," says Patrick Smith, IGA director of operations.

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CLICK HERE for a complete seminar schedule.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to register for the Annual Conference and Spring Auto Glass ShowTM.

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Housing Note: The IGA's discounted room rate at the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino is set to end on Sunday, March 30. Attendees need to call 800/634-3454 and ask for the discounted room rate for the Americas' Glass Showcase/IGA Auto Glass Show.

Registration Note: The pre-registration deadline for the IGA Annual Conference and Spring Auto Glass ShowTM is fast approaching. Attendees must register by April 18, 2008, in order to receive the discounted rate.

