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Sustainable certifications for green roofers and masonry contractors

Both Green Roofs for Healthy Cities (GRHC) and the International Masonry Institute (IMI) have embarked on accreditation programs related to sustainable building.

At its Atlanta conference earlier this summer, GRHC announced 130 delegates had completed the newly launched Green Roof Professional (GRP) Accreditation Exam.

The test encompassed five areas of concentration—pre-design, design, contract management, quality assurance and support, and maintenance. The GRP designation is intended to verify the holder has attained a level of the interdisciplinary knowledge needed in the design, installation, and maintenance of green roof systems. Accreditation exams will be conducted throughout the fall in Chicago, Toronto, New York City, and Seattle. Visit www.greenroofs.org.

IMI unveiled its Sustainable Masonry Certification Program over the summer; the course educates union masonry contractors on the basics of sustainability practices and their role in the certification process for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.

The curriculum addresses the different responsibilities of a subcontractor, ranging from estimating and project scope, to project management and documentation. It covers all masonry-related LEED credits, along with strategies including site use, material storage, and construction waste management.

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SteelDay forged later this month

On September 18, more than 150 events—ranging from facility and project site tours to educational seminars—will occur across the country for the first SteelDay. Hosted by the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), the event is designed to raise awareness about the structural steel industry's contributions to the built environment.

For a list of activities and locations, including a special presentation at Chicago's Millennium Park, visit www.steelday.org.

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CSI on top of the world with new affiliate

The northernmost settlement on the North American mainland now has its own Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) affiliate.

Barrow, Alaska, sits some 515 km (320 mi) north of the Arctic Circle. In mid-November, its sun goes down and remains below the horizon until late January. The new local affiliate group, led by Michael Harsany, CSI, of WH Pacific, comprises leaders in supporting the Construction Documents Technology (CDT) certificate program—more than 100 individuals have sat for the exam in the past five years.

CSI Northwest Region directors Loren Berry, FCSI, CDT, and Robert Simmons, FCSI, CCPR, are leading CSI support for the new group.

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Welcome to Barrow, Alaska (whale bone sculpture on top, city hall below). The northernmost city in the United States is now home to an affiliate group of the Construction Specification Institute (CSI).

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