



## FCIA Heads to Ottawa, ON with Firestop Education Canadian 'DIIM' Symposium

The Firestop Contractors International Association is holding their annual Canadian 'DIIM' Symposium this September 9-10, 2015 at The Brookstreet Hotel in Ottawa, ON.

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The Firestop Contractors International Association (FCIA) is strongly focused on promoting knowledge and awareness of the importance of Life Safety and Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation within the healthcare, education and other building occupancies.

Each year, FCIA hosts two industry Conferences, an industry Trade Show and several additional Educational Symposiums worldwide, as well as monthly free Educational Webinars. The annual Canadian 'DIIM' Symposium focuses on the 'DIIM' of Firestopping – proper **Design, Installation, Inspection and Maintenance/Management** – following the National Building Code of Canada. This year's Canadian Symposium will take place at The Brookstreet Hotel in Ottawa, ON and features a half-day tour of the National Research Council Canada's (NRC) Almonte Fire-Test Facility.

Life Safety is a universal concern, and Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation are the tools needed to ensure Life Safety by restricting the spread of fire and smoke in buildings, which when left unprotected may cause structural collapse and open the door for potential loss of life. When Firestop Systems are installed by Specialty Firestop Contractors who practice the 'DIIM' of Firestopping, the reliability of Firestop Systems as a critical component of Effective Compartmentation is improved.

In order for Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation to work, all wall, floor and ceiling penetrations need to become fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistance-rated, just like the walls. Specific **Design** standards, rigorous FM 4991 and ULC Qualified Contractor Program Installation protocols, systematic and thorough **Inspections** and comprehensive ongoing **Maintenance and Management** programs (**DIIM**) are required to keep a tested and listed Firestop **SYSTEM** working for the life-cycle of the building. One detail missed, one step skipped and the system is voided and the occupancy has the potential for breach.

The Canadian 'DIIM' Symposium is a two-day event tailored to Firestop Contractors, Special Inspection Agencies and their Special Inspectors, Firestop Associates, Manufacturers, Manufacturer Reps and Distributors.

Additionally, the group seeks to educate individuals representing the Architects and Specifiers who **Design** and specify Firestop Systems, the Building, Fire Code and Government Officials who **Inspect** these Systems and the Facility Engineers who **Maintain and Manage** the Systems in buildings and opens the Symposium to these **Qualified Guests** by offering **FREE registration** to those who qualify.



This year's Symposium will be held at The Brookstreet Hotel in Ottawa, ON. The event opens Wednesday, 9 September 2015 and wraps up Thursday, 10 September 2015. The Draft Agenda is as follows:

- Wednesday, 9 September 2015
  - FCIA on FCIA and DIIM – Why Does It Make Sense Worldwide?
  - Falconer Engineering on Design, Testing & Code Requirements – Barriers and Fire Separations
  - Education sessions on Install and Inspect and the FM 4991 Approval of Firestop Contractors, ULC Qualified Firestop Contractors Program and IAS AC 291 Accreditation
  - NRC on the NRC's Building and Fire Codes
  - Fire Research Update on Smoke Control, Firestopping and Egress
  - The Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society (CHES) on Firestopping in Existing Buildings
  - Firestopping Specifications and MasterFormat
  - Exhibition
  - Luncheon
- Thursday, 10 September 2015
  - Private tour of NRC's Fire-Test Laboratory in Almonte, ON

To find out if you qualify to attend this important event free of charge, contact the FCIA Office at 708-202-1108 or [info@fcia.org](mailto:info@fcia.org).

The Firestop Contractors International Association is a worldwide professional trade association of contractors, manufacturers, consultants, distributors and manufacturer's representatives dedicated to the installation and maintenance of life safety firestop systems. Through active participation in the FCIA and related forums, members contribute to the advancement of the Firestop and Effective Compartmentation industry, as well as maintain exceptional knowledge of this specialized trade.

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