A PUBLICATION OF THE INSULATION CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Save the Date for ICAA 2022!

September 22 – 24, 2022 | Phoenix, AZ

he ICAA Convention & Trade Show plans to be better than ever in 2022 as we "turn up the heat" in Phoenix! This is your onestop shop to learn, network, and discover the latest products and services from the best in the business. Every year, ICAA builds an educational program based on member feedback and timely industry trends. The star of the show, however, is the accompanying Trade Show, which features a lineup of the industry's leading suppliers and manufacturers. Our sponsors and exhibitors are the best of the best and lead the way in industry innovation. Attending ICAA means a chance for all insulation contractors to meet directly with representatives from these top-notch companies.

For 2022, ICAA is working on a carefully curated educational program. Our mission is to support our contractor members as they navigate every aspect of their business, including code changes, consumer demands, and labor challenges.



the Sierra Estrella Mountain Range alongside the Gila River. Sheraton Grand Wild Horse Pass provides an authentic experience in the traditions



of the Pima and Maricopa people who steward the land. These two tribes make up the Gila River Indian Community and their culture is showcased in the stunning décor and design of the resort.



Insulation & Weatherization Products, Tools, Accessories & PPE

Nationwide Two-Day Shipping | Thousands of Products Stocked | Knowledgeable Sales Team PLUS[®] Points Loyalty Rewards | Online Ordering 24/7 | Machines, Rigs & Vacuums



ה	
6	

Phone 800-343-4446 260-353-3600 8AM-5PM EST

	L
Ų	μ

Fax 800-518-4446 260-353-3826



Web jrproductsinc.com Monthly Specials



Pick Up Local J&R Products or Cameron Ashley Locations (Call for Availability)

ICAA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Importance of Advocacy

Mark Gieseke, ICAA President Email: mark@insulate.org

think we can all agree that insulation contractors should have the freedom to provide an array of safe, sustainable, high-performance, and cost-effective insulation materials to their customers. As skilled and knowledgeable professionals, contractors should be able to install whatever product best meets the need, budget, and vision of their customer. Regulations that unnecessarily exclude certain products or restrict their use in certain situations can prohibit a contractor from providing a customer with the best solution.

As you will read on page 13, we recently saw an example of this with a bill in Maryland (HB 108) that originally sought to include a ban on the use of SPF in low-income housing programs. On behalf of our members, ICAA joined other industry associations in strongly advocating for the deletion of this restriction from the bill, and I'm happy to say we were successful in our efforts.

To me, this is the perfect example of the importance of industry associations. When individual contractors and business owners band together through an association, our voices are powerful and can make an unmistakable impact on real world issues that directly affect our industry – and your business. Simply put, advocacy matters and ICAA exists to advocate on your behalf. Your membership and participation are crucial because the bigger and louder we are, the stronger we become. You are a vital and important part of the insulation industry.

I want to thank you for being a member of ICAA. Not only does your commitment to membership make us a more powerful force for our industry, but it reinforces our commitment to you. Your participation in our programs, your attendance for our events and webinars, and your feedback on the topics of our educational offerings help us to shape our priorities. When we sit down to plan events like the annual ICAA Convention & Trade Show, we rely on these things to organize a stellar event that provides maximum benefit for all our members, suppliers and contractors alike.

Association membership is a reciprocal relationship in which everyone benefits from our mutual dedication to the industry. I look forward to seeing what we will all accomplish this year and how we will help each other do it. ICAA is here to help, guide, and support you along the way so please don't hesitate to reach out. And please plan to join us in Phoenix for this year's ICAA Convention & Trade Show where you can meet all our industry movers & shakers. I can't wait to see everyone there!

Association membership is a reciprocal relationship in which everyone benefits from our mutual dedication to the industry. I look forward to seeing what we will all accomplish this year and how we will help each other do it.

ORDER ON THE GO Fiberglass, Spray Foam, MBI, Machines, PPE & Accessories

Shop online 24/7 | Local inventories | Knowledgeable sales team F^ST Delivery or pick up | PLUS® Points loyalty rewards

DOWNLOAD NOW!





App Store

Google Play



cameronashleybp.com | 800-CAMERON



Trademarks and trade names are those of their respective owners.



SPOTLIGHT: Corey Fongemie, President GPS Fleet Consulting



GPS FLEET CONSULTING putting you in the driver's seat • gpsfleetconsulting.com

GPS Fleet Consulting offers real world GPS fleet tracking solutions. GPS Fleet Consulting does not require long term contracts, thereby making them fully vested in ensuring the program is a success for your business.



Corey Fongemie 603-498-3043 corey@gpsfleetconsulting.com

What products/services does GPS Fleet Consulting offer to insulation contractors?

We specialize in GPS tracking/telematics products to help companies manage their fleet operations. The industry has evolved over the years and now encompasses dash cameras, fuel cards, routing systems, and work force management systems.

What distinguishes GPS Fleet Consulting's tracking system from other tracking systems?

We represent over 5 different platforms so we're agnostic to any GPS tracking platform. We can tailor a solution to what's best for the customer based on functionality, price point, and terms and make a recommendation. Our business thrives on personal referrals, so we like to "hold our customer's hands" with the onboarding process. Most of the GPS systems are very intuitive but by being more "hands on", this ensures for a smoother rollout of the systems.



Can you give us an example how GPS helps insulators use its GPS data to increase its overall profit?

While GPS tracking helps increase productivity for all business verticals, the GPS system will help track the routes your vehicles are taking, where they're stopped, how long they're stopped for, when they arrive to the jobsite, and when they leave the jobsite. This is like putting an owner/manager in the passenger's seat of every vehicle! Can you imagine the increased productivity if you — an owner/manager — can clone yourself and be in every one of your trucks all day/every day?

What is behind your decision not to require long-term contracts and how does this benefit your customers?

Our philosophy is if we can support & service our customers the right way, we earn our customers business and do not need to sign any long-term contracts that most of our competitors require.

What advantages does a business owner who uses your products have over one who doesn't?

The owner has clear transparency of their

The industry has evolved over the years and now encompasses dash cameras, fuel cards, routing systems, and work force management systems.

Spotlight: Corey Fongemie, President, GPS Fleet Consulting

continued from page 5

fleet operations. They're able to see vehicle routes, speeds of vehicles, engine idle times (wasting fuel), verify time sheets, and track vehicle maintenance if they wish.

Do your products require significant employee training?

All the systems we sell are very intuitive, have apps available so owners and managers can track their vehicles on the go, but we do like to provide an on-boarding training that generally takes 30-45 minutes. We also provide "how to" videos so users can easily and quickly reference how to perform specific functions.

Where is GPS technology headed next?

Two major themes: 1) The evolution of this industry is going to be that every new vehicle purchased will come with GPS tracking hardware pre-installed into vehicles (GM & Ford already do



this with all the major GPS/Telematics providers). The GPS/Telematics providers will just need to get the compatible VIN and we can activate the vehicles to show up on their existing platforms. 2) Dash cameras – most if not all commercial vehicles will have Dash Cameras installed as well. Insurance companies will make a strong push for this in years to come. The good Dash Cams provide an in-cab coaching so they can detect drivers on cell phones, distracted, and if seat belts are being worn!

THE BEST TEAM. THE BEST PRODUCTS. HELPING YOUR CUSTOMERS MANAGE MOISTURE IN 2022.

AprilAire Dehumidifier

IMPROVE HEALTH

FIGHT VIRUSES, BACTERIA, MOLD AND OTHER AIRBORNE POLLUTANTS THAT THRIVE IN EXCESSIVELY DAMP ENVIRONMENTS.

PROTECT HOMES

SHIELD HOMES AND BELONGINGS FROM MILDEW, ROT, AND WARPING.

SAVE ENERGY

BALANCED HUMIDITY PREVENTS HVAC SYSTEMS FROM WORKING OVERTIME, SAVING MONEY ON FUTURE ENERGY COSTS.

APRILAIRE ADVANTAGE

- BUILT TO LAST USING CORROSION RESISTANT MATERIALS
- NO MESSY WATER TRAY TO EMPTY
- AUTOMATIC CONTROLS MEANS THE SYSTEM ONLY RUNS WHEN NEEDED





ICAA Webinar: Protecting Your Business from Poachers



Kelly McDonald



Philip Siegel, Esq.

Protecting Your Business from Poachers

In ICAA's February 23 Webinar "Protecting Your Business from Poachers", our guest speaker Philip Siegel, ICAA's go-to construction law attorney from Hendrick, Phillips, Salzman & Siegel, presented the legality of former employees poaching your employees and discussed specific measures to prevent poaching. Later in the program, Kelly McDonald of McDonald Marketing explained measures to encourage employees to stay with the company.

Siegel mentioned that many employers try to close the barn door after the horse has bolted! In other words, employers do too little too late. Thus, he recommended the adoption of properly drafted reasonable "restrictive covenant" agreements at the pre-employment stage. These agreements can

prevent poaching of your employees by former employees, and limit future contact with your customers, should your employees leave your company and join your competitor.

Siegel explained the concept of 'unfair competition', when a former employee contacts your customers and tells un-truths about your company. This type of conduct is illegal.

McDonald highlighted five levels of poaching:

- 1. Your former employees are instigated to join your competitors.
- 2. Your former employee is soliciting your current employees to join your competitor.

Siegel explained the concept of 'unfair competition', when a former employee contacts your customers and tells untruths about your company. This type of conduct is illegal.

- 3. Your former employee is soliciting your customers.
- 4. Your former employee uses your customer lists and bidding techniques acquired at your company to solicit business from your customers.
- 5. Your former employee, as a new employee of your competitor, is bad-mouthing your company to your customers.

McDonald discussed a model workplace culture to foster retaining employees.

This webinar is available in the ICAA Webinar Archives under the Business category at www. insulate.org/icaawebinararchive.



YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR BUSINESS

WE AIM TO EXCEED YOUR EXPECTATIONS WITH QUALITY PRODUCTS, TRUSTED EXPERIENCE AND ON-TIME DELIVERY.

G

118

-KI

YOUR SOURCE

R-1

Service Partners is a leading source of Insulation, Gutters, Metal Building Insulation, and related accessories. No matter the size of your business, our experienced team will ensure you get the expertise you want and the products you need. Find out more by visiting Service-Partners.com.



"IN GOD WE TRUST, ALL OTHERS PAY CASH"







Gary Leasor Leasor & Associates, LLC

Cash payment terms are the best payment terms you can have, but unfortunately, it is not very acceptable in today's world of credit. The good news is that credit has allowed businesses to extend their sales far beyond their capital constraints in their respective industries. The

bad news is that many businesses have gone out of business due to their poor management of credit. Below is more on reviewing and managing the credit process and the credit approval process:

Managing The Credit Process For Your Business:

<u>As owner, you must "live" your terms of</u> <u>payment</u> – NUMBER ONE RULE: Do NOT let the customer determine your cashflow. You must have clear terms of payment and clear enforcement of those terms. Your whole organization is looking to you to determine the "real terms of payment".

Be active in the credit management process – Even though you have delegated the credit management process to someone in your office, it is critical as an owner to stay actively involved. Have a meeting with your credit personnel at least every two weeks to review past due accounts and more importantly, new credit accounts.

<u>Make accounts receivable a major</u> <u>priority</u> – Convert your sales commission structure from percentage of sales/profits to a percentage based on collected sales. Establish a monthly or quarterly bonus structure for sales and office personnel based on a percentage of receivables collected each month.

Establish prompt, accurate invoicing with clearly stated terms – Late and/ or incorrect invoices create excuses not to pay, or create deductions on the The good news is that credit has allowed businesses to extend their sales far beyond their capital constraints in their respective industries.

account. It also has been determined that sending monthly statements improves the overall collection percentage.

The Credit Approval Process:

Who are you really selling to? – In the early days there was a detective show called Dragnet and at the beginning of the show they stated, "the names have been changed to protect the innocent". In the construction business, several times we could have said, "the names have been changed to screw the subcontractors again". Bottom line: know the person you are selling to and their history.

<u>Credit application</u> – Include basic information such as legal name/address, bank references, industry specific trade references, your terms/



continued on page 11

YOUR #1 SOURCE FOR ALL THINGS INSULATION

PA * VA * OH *TN * SC * NC * FL

2022

1987

UPPLY- INC.

WE PROVIDE OUR CUSTOMERS WITH: *FIBERGLASS* ؇ SPRAY FOAM ACCESSORIES **V PARTS & EQUIPMENT** MACHINES **VRIGS** Y AND...A KNOWLEDGEABLE AND SUPPORTIVE STAFF READY TO **ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR INSULATION NEEDS** FAST, RELIABLE

OVER 1 MILLION SF OF FULLY STOCKED READY **TO DELIVER INSULATION** AND ACCESSORIES



SERVICED) *NODEL TRUCKS*

PHONE: 877-944-7697 • FAX: 800-251-1498 • WEB: AIS1.US

In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash

continued from page 9

conditions, and legal acknowledgements. Due to the importance of the credit application and the ever-changing laws concerning credit, have your attorney review your credit application every couple of years.

<u>Credit review process</u> – Always remember, past performance is usually a good indicator of future payment performance. In addition to your normal credit review process of calling the various references provided, you may also want to call your customer's major vendors such as concrete companies and local lumber yards for references. And joining the local National Association of Credit Managers (NACM) is usually a great idea. It has industry specific groups such as the construction industry, monthly meetings, and credit reports that provide great insight into a new customer application.

<u>Assign a specific line of credit</u> – After carefully reviewing the above-mentioned information, assign a specific line of credit based on historical high credits from other suppliers. Review the line of credit with sales to ensure the limit will meet the needs of the customer.

It is important to remember that a sale is NOT a sale if the money for that sale is never collected. Which is why in the next article, we will review the credit collection process.

It is important to remember that a sale is NOT a sale if the money for that sale is never collected.



IDI IS KNOWN FOR HAVING THE BEST TRAINING AND BEING THE TOP-RATED SUPPLIER IN THE INDUSTRY.

FROTH-PA

CALL: 888.843.1318 VISIT: IDI-INSULATION.COM

THE POWER OF IDI

DISTRIBUTORS America's Insulation Source

UNFACED

UNFACED

CORNINC

DISTRIBUTORS INC.

CHANHASSEN, MN BUS. 952-279-6400 WATS. 1-800-678-

TIAL & COMMERCIAL INSULATION SUPPLIES

 $\mathsf{SPRAY}\ \mathsf{FOAM} \cdot \mathsf{FIBERGLASS} \cdot \mathsf{EQUIPMENT} \cdot \mathsf{RIGS} \cdot \mathsf{ACCESSORIES} \cdot \mathsf{MBI} \cdot \mathsf{TRAININGS}$











KOMATSU

ICAA Helps Lift Proposed Restriction on Insulation

Weatherization bills recently introduced in the Maryland General Assembly, if passed, would have restricted the use of spray polyurethane products in state weatherization programs in Maryland. Parallel bills in both legislatures – the Maryland House and the Maryland Senate – included language that sought to restrict the use of these products. The bills, targeted towards promoting energy efficiency and conservation in low-income



households in Maryland, were introduced in January 2022.

ICAA helped support a quickly engaged team of ICAA-member insulation contractors, suppliers, and industry association advocates. Testimony was presented to both House and Senate Standing Committees charged with advancing the bills. The bills' language prohibiting the use of spray polyurethane products was successfully removed.

In ICAA's view, the proposed restrictions were unnecessary, as there is no harm or hazard from the installation and use of these materials. Insulation products reduce greenhouse gas emissions, make buildings more resilient, and save households money. Insulation contractors should have the freedom

to provide an array of safe, sustainable, highperformance, cost-effective insulation materials.

The engagement of ICAA members including contractors and suppliers, as well as industry partners, again points to the value of the ICAA community.

NOW AVAILABLE! ICAA Gateway® Online Training for SPF Helpers

ICAA's new educational training program, ICAA Gateway[®], is the training method of the future for SPF helpers. Say goodbye to the 100-page packets and PowerPoints of the past. Training has been transformed! ICAA Gateway[®] allows insulation contractors to seamlessly incorporate this 3-part online program into their training agenda. Great for new employees and refresher class!

2022 ICAA Spray Foam Task Force Chair Brian Cote' said, "training is critical" for those involved in the spray foam job. ICAA Gateway[®] provides safety training for SPF helpers and is not tied to any specific SPF product. Here are some features of ICAA Gateway[®]: 'I THINK THIS IS GREAT FOR GUYS GETTING INTO THE BUSINESS. IT DOESN'T TAKE A LOT OF TIME AND IT HAS SOME GOOD INFORMATION IN IT. I THINK THIS WOULD BE A GREAT TOOL FOR COMPANIES TO USE WHEN HIRING NEW EMPLOYEES AND COULD BE USED IN STARTUP TRAINING."

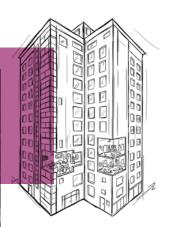
- BRIAN TERPSTRA, NU-SEAL FOAM TECHNICIAN, NU-WOOL CO., INC.

- **Online access.** Online training so your helpers don't have to lose production time.
- **Spanish language version.** Entire content available in Spanish, including the short exams at the end of each of the 3 modules.
- Cost effective. Will not break the bank! Other industry programs cost upwards of \$200 for each trainee. ICAA Gateway[®] is priced at \$29 for members and \$25 each if four or more are booked. Also, each member gets two free codes to access the training, testing, and certification. Contact icaa@insulate.org to request your free access codes.

For more information and to watch a short trailer about ICAA Gateway[®], visit www.insulate.org/gateway.









ROCKWOOL AFB® acoustic fire batt.

What it's made of makes all the difference.

ROCKWOOL AFB® is a lightweight, acoustical fire batt stone wool insulation specifically designed for steel stud interior wall and floor applications. It's increased density allows for reduced sound transmission, and superior sound absorbency

Non-combustible, it will not develop toxic smoke or promote flame spread, even when directly exposed to fire. It's natural fire resilience contributes to the overall comfort and safety of occupants, and makes it a key component of fire-rated partitions.

16"

On center Entraxes Eatra control

AFB[®] comes in a number of thicknesses to meet the requirements of both retrofit and new construction applications, and is also available in a no added formaldehyde version, ROCKWOOL AFB[®] evo.

www.rockwool.com

ROCKWOOL

AFB



Having A Cleaner, Brighter Building Has Never Been Easier.

Reduce downtime by retrofitting with a **Fi-Foil RetroShield**[®] **System**. The system **installs in just 1-pass** using unique mechanical fasteners designed to work well with all types of metal structures. It provides a strong mechanical connection that can hold even the highest R-value requirements for back-filled insulation. RetroShield[®] will keep your building looking great and feeling comfortable for years.

Clean up your metal building for a more beautiful, brighter space. Contact us today for a free quote.

Fifoil.com/retroshield Fifoil.com/mechanicalfasteners



High Performance Insulation Systems SERVICE | INTEGRITY | INNOVATION | FIFOIL.COM

GUIDE TO RECEIVING YOUR 2021 TAX CREDIT

TIPS ON CLAIMING YOUR TAX CREDIT FOR HOMEOWNER INSULATION IMPROVEMENTS

BACKGROUND

For insulation purchased and installed in 2021, you may qualify for a federal tax credit of up to \$500. The tax credit amount is 10% of the cost up to \$500, not including installation.

Insulation products such as batts, rolls, blown-in, spray, pour-in-place, and radiant barriers qualify. Products that air seal can also qualify and include weatherstripping, spray foam, caulks designed to air seal, and housewraps.

2

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO NOW?

For your records, keep your contractor receipt and Manufacturer's Certification Statement. The Manufacturer's Certification Statement certifies that the product qualifies for the tax credit.

3

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO WHEN IT'S TAX FILING TIME?

Complete IRS Form 5695 when filing your 2021 federal tax return. Use Form 5695 to calculate your residential energy credit.



FOOTNOTES

A) Taxpayer is ineligible for this tax credit if this credit has already been claimed by the taxpayer in an amount totaling \$500 in previous years.

B) Taxpayer is not required to attach the Manufacturer's Certification Statement to their tax return.

C) Home must be owned and used by the taxpayer as a primary residence.

D) The tax credit can only be used to decrease or eliminate a tax liability.

SHARE THIS WITH YOUR 2021 RETROFIT CUSTOMERS!

DOWNLOADABLE PDF OF THIS GRAPHIC AVAILABLE ON ICAA MEMBER SITE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE IRS.GOV/INSTRUCTIONS/I5695.



901 King Street, Suite 101 Alexandria, VA 22314 Tel: 703.739.0356

www.insulate.org

e-mail: icaa@insulate.org

Treasurer

2022 ICAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Mark Gieseke President-elect Mark Dietz

Second Vice President Renee Wilson Secretary

Ginny Cameron

Jerry Palmer Directors: Jonathan Belanus Ted Blanchard Terry Burnham

Terry Burnham Ferrell Drum Jeff Hire

ICAA Committees and Co-Chairs

- ICAA Technical/Marketing Committee Co-Chairs Tom Calzavara, Johns Manville Ted Blanchard, Davidson Insulation & Acoustics
- ICAA Convention Committee Co-Chairs Doug Brady, Huntsman Building Solutions Ferrell Drum, Garland Insulating/TopBuild
- ICAA Commercial Committee Co-Chairs David Ball, Cameron Group LLC Mark Dietz, Superl, Inc.
- ICAA Government Council Co-Chairs Stephen Kittredge, Owens Corning Jeff Hire, Installed Building Products
- ICAA Spray Foam Task Force Chair Brian Cote', Installed Building Products

Published by the Insulation Contractors Association of America and provided is a service to its members. © Copyright 2022. ICAA is the trade association representing the insulation contracting industry. Executive Director **Michael Kwart** | Marketing & Membership Coordinator **Sandi Day**