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New Steel Doors 101 Class Available Online for AIA Credit

October 14, 2013 WESTLAKE, Ohio – Architects and specifiers can learn about the fundamentals of steel doors and frames in a new AIA-accredited class that is available online.

Steel Doors and Frames 101 was developed by the Steel Door Institute (SDI), a non-profit organization dedicated to providing standards and education about hollow metal doors and frames. Two veteran architects/specifiers—Dennis Kabba of BLRB Architects and Alan Horne of MCA Architecture—were instrumental in developing the framework of the course.

Those who take the course will learn about the:

- Various components of steel doors and frames.
- Basics of fire rated openings and how to avoid negating a rating.
- Performance levels of doors, and how to avoid over- or under-specifying doors' gauges.
- Importance of hinge and strike locations, including proper reinforcement.
- Types of specialty doors and the general performance capabilities of each.

“This is the first course of its kind in the industry,” said Jeff Wherry, Managing Director of SDI. “Design professionals who take *Steel Doors and Frames 101* will feel confident about how to correctly specify steel doors and frames for their projects.” Wherry added that the course was created in an online format to be convenient for architects with busy schedules.

The one-hour course is available online 24x7 and provides one HSW CE hour from the American Institute of Architects.

To access the course, visit <http://ronblank.com/cgi-bin/info.pl?action=course&id=239>. SDI's AIA/GBCI Education page is available at <http://steeldoor.org/education.php> and includes information on another SDI class, *Steel: Green Now, Green Forever*, which provides one HSW and/or GBCI hour.

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About the Steel Door Institute

The Steel Door Institute (SDI) was established in 1954 as a voluntary, unincorporated, non-profit business association whose mission is to promote the use of steel doors and frames in the construction industry. Representatives of SDI member companies create and publish manufacturing, quality and performance standards promulgated by the association, and distribute them to licensed architects and construction specifiers at no charge.

Membership is open to all American-based companies engaged in the production for sale of swing steel doors and/or frames on a national basis for at least two years. Members mutually agree to establish and abide by SDI manufacturing and quality standards that apply to all doors and frames they produce.

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