



**CRCA E-News – May 11, 2005**  
**CRCA Membership Meeting, CRCA 2006 Trade Show & Call for Presentations, City of Chicago Reflectivity information, CRCA at ERA Seminar, NRCA Education**

**~CRCA May 17 Scholarship Dinner Meeting - CRCA's 2005 Scholarship Dinner and Membership Meeting, May 17, 2005 ...** features awarding of the 2005/2006 CRCA College Scholarship. Join us also for entertainment like you've never seen before. Mentalist Chirs Carter will entertain us with his unique brand of fun. Cocktails are at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30pm, with Awards and Entertainment to follow. Contact the CRCA Office for reservations, or send the FAXBACK form today.

**~CRCA Trade Show** - CRCA's 23rd Annual Trade Show is around the corner! Look for a slight change in format, with more education seminars on both Thursday and Friday morning to add value to your show experience, while attracting attendance from Architects, Engineers, Building Owners and Managers, plus Roofing Consultants. CRCA's Trade Show will once again bring the latest in products and processes for successful roofing projects. 2006 Trade Show Chair, Chris Adler, states "The 2006 Show will represent a move to make this the event to attend in the Chicago Roofing Industry."

**~CRCA Trade Show Seminars Call for Papers** - As we expand our seminar offerings, CRCA's Trade Show Committee has set a deadline for the 2006 Call for Presentations of September 1, 2005. Generic industry education programs are sought for the education sessions. Length of program is 45 - 50 minutes, plus some questions and answers, for a total of 1 hour. Reply to this email with program requests, with an outline as attachment.

**~CRCA Leader Promotes United Way** - CRCA Past President, Joe Adler, Adler Roofing & Sheet Metal Co., Inc. has been very involved in several charities. He requested we pass on a request for CRCA Members to support United Way, and the good work they do through their firms or individually. Giving back to the community in whatever means chosen by members is a small token we give for the opportunity to have our careers, health, and freedom.

**~CRCA Tracking Shingle Reflectivity Requirements** - CRCA's Steep and Shingle Committee, headed by Drew Hupp, Mader Roofing, Inc., suggests that those contractors who install shingle roofs make themselves aware of the new reflectivity requirements for the City of Chicago. The requirements may be for the City only at this time, but watch for other Municipalities to possibly adapt them also. Here's the link to the current information:

**See the City of Chicago's Article on Shingle Reflectivity Requirements:**

[http://egov.cityofchicago.org/city/webportal/portalContentItemAction.do?topChannelName=HomePage&contentOID=536914385&Failed\\_Reason=Invalid+timestamp,+engine+has+been+restarted&contentTypeName=COC\\_EDITORIAL&com.broadvision.session.new=Yes&Failed\\_Page=%2fwebportal%2fportalContentItemAction.do](http://egov.cityofchicago.org/city/webportal/portalContentItemAction.do?topChannelName=HomePage&contentOID=536914385&Failed_Reason=Invalid+timestamp,+engine+has+been+restarted&contentTypeName=COC_EDITORIAL&com.broadvision.session.new=Yes&Failed_Page=%2fwebportal%2fportalContentItemAction.do)

**See the Shingles that have passed the City of Chicago's requirements for reflectivity below:**

[http://egov.cityofchicago.org/webportal/COCWebPortal/COC\\_ATTACH/Reflective\\_Shingles\\_List\\_Upd\\_01032005.pdf](http://egov.cityofchicago.org/webportal/COCWebPortal/COC_ATTACH/Reflective_Shingles_List_Upd_01032005.pdf)

**~ERA Roofing Technology Conference, Chicago** - The EPDM Roofing Association (ERA) Roofing Technology Seminar in Chicago, April 14, 2005 was well attended. Bill Lynch, Olsson Roofing Co., was invited to the ERA Board Dinner, while representatives from Olsson Roofing Co., Bennett & Brosseau, as well as the NRCA attended. Many architects and consultants were on hand to hear the program. Alex Hernandez,

Clark Roofing Co. reported that the seminar was very professional and well done, with Tom Hutchinson, Hutchinson Architects, Barrington, IL, presenting. "He presented 'everything you wanted to know about EPDM Roofing in one day", stated Alex.

**~NRCA Education Seminars** - NRCA has hosted several OSHA, Foremen Only and other education sessions nationwide this year. Attendance has been great, with much knowledge gained by attendees. Although most of the OSHA seminars have been completed, there are great education programs scheduled for Fall. Check out NRCA's education catalog for locations and topics.

[http://www.nrca.net/rp/education/nrca/2005\\_catalog.pdf](http://www.nrca.net/rp/education/nrca/2005_catalog.pdf)

**~CRCA Member receives NAHB/NHC QA Certificate** - Prate Installations, Inc., has become the first roofing contractor in Illinois, 2nd in the US to become certified to the National Association of Home Builders, National Research Center, Quality Assurance Program. The program, an ISO 9000 type program found in the manufacturing industry, has been customized for the construction industry. The NAHB/NHC audits the firm's quality processes, documentation, problem resolution, followups, material control, etc.

Residential GC's have been embracing the program, and requiring contractors bidding their work to have the certification. This program, aimed at integrating the quality process in to the construction industry, is an industry leading program in residential roofing and construction. The Commercial General Contractors are becoming certified to ISO 14001, a quality process. The program aims to raise the bar for quality, and is starting to be demanded due to less headaches, and a better installed system ... the first time.

***“Regardless of who you are or what you have been, you can be what you want to be.....” W. Clement Stone***

***Bill McHugh - CRCA Executive Director***

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