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IWCA ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR NEW ASTM GLASS CLEANING STANDARD

The International Window Cleaning Association (IWCA) is pleased to announce the development of a “Standard Practice for Cleaning Architectural Flat Glass” (WK29688) through ASTM International, an international organization that develops and publishes technical standards.

Paul West, IWCA Glass Chairman will chair the task group writing the new Standard. It is anticipated the standard will be utilized by the window cleaning industry, related construction industries, glass manufacturers, architects and government agencies.

“With the vast amounts of glass used in buildings today and the evolution of high performance glass coatings, it is our hope that this new standard will assist window cleaning professionals identify the most effective method to clean, restore and preserve the integrity of architectural glass.” West stated.

In addition to cleaning different types of glass and glass coatings, the standard also will discuss removing various glass stains and the challenge of cleaning glass left unprotected during new construction.

The new Standard in development can be found on the ASTM website (www.astm.org) as Work Item # WK29688

For more information about the new standard, please contact IWCA Headquarters at 816.471.4922.

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About IWCA: The International Window Cleaning Association (IWCA) is a non-profit trade 501(c)(6) association committed to raising the standards of professionalism within the window cleaning industry. The IWCA represents all facets of the window cleaning industry, from high rise to route work, residential to industrial. Through its various programs, the IWCA promotes safety, training and a highly professional, responsible image of the window cleaning professional. The IWCA delivers at least three regional safety training programs a year at various locations throughout the country. These programs cover all aspects of window cleaning safety and equipment use. The IWCA is also the secretariat for the American National Standard, IWCA I 14.1 Window Cleaning Safety. For more information, call 1-800-875-4922 or visit them at www.iwca.org.