



AGRSS Council Acquires Auto Glass Technician Certification Programs from NGA
Organizations to focus on respective strengths in service to auto glass industry

McLEAN, VA (September 7, 2011) – The National Glass Association (NGA) announced today that it has sold its industry-leading auto glass technician certification programs to the Automotive Glass Replacement Safety Standards (AGRSS®) Council.

NGA Certification has been the gold standard for auto glass technicians for more than 20 years. Its transfer to AGRSS has been in discussions for months, as the two organizations considered various options for improving their respective service to the North American auto glass industry.

“Our acquisition of this program is a reflection of the important role certification plays in ensuring the quality, professionalism and safety of auto glass technicians across the country,” said Debra Levy, president of the AGRSS Council. “It complements the services that AGRSS provides and expands our offerings to this market, and we intend to invest substantially in the program’s value and expansion over the coming years.”

The sale was executed on August 30, and operational transfer is expected to be complete by September 30, 2011.

“This transaction is all about providing the best service possible to the auto glass market,” said Phil James, president of the NGA. “We believe that focusing our resources and attention on our world-class auto glass training programs is better for our members in the long run, and it enables the NGA and AGRSS to do what each organization does best.”

The NGA will continue to promote the importance of AGRSS Technician Certification and the AGRSS Registered Company Certification to the industry, while investing in an expansion of its auto glass replacement and repair training modules offered through MyGlassClass.com and its other training vehicles.

Information about the auto glass certification program, will be available on the AGRSS website at www.agrсс.org beginning October 1, 2011.

About NGA

Founded in 1948, the National Glass Association is the largest trade association representing the flat (architectural) and auto glass industries. Based outside Washington, DC, and representing nearly 4,000 member companies and locations, NGA offers industry-leading education and training, including MyGlassClass.com – a state-of-the-art online training resource. NGA publishes the industry’s leading trade magazines: Glass Magazine® and Window & Door®; and e-newsletters: e-glass weekly™ and WDweekly™. In addition, NGA serves the industry and general public with its Web sites: glass.org, GlassBuildAmerica.com, GlassMagazine.net, WindowandDoor.net, and MyAutoGlass.org. NGA also hosts the industry’s premier annual trade event, GlassBuild America®: The Glass, Window & Door Expo. For more information on NGA, visit www.glass.org.

About the AGRSS Council Inc.

The Automotive Glass Replacement Safety Standards (AGRSS®) Council Inc. AGRSS® is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the safe replacement of auto glass. AGRSS® was founded and is supported by companies in the auto glass replacement industry that keep safe installation as their primary goal. AGRSS® is an accredited American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards development organization. It has developed the North America's only auto glass replacement standard, the AGRSS® standard (ANSI/AGRSS® 002-2002 Automotive Glass Replacement Safety Standard). The AGRSS® Standard addresses procedures, education and product performance. For more information about AGRSS, please visit www.agrсс.org.