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SWR INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES TWO NEW VALIDATION PROGRAMS

Kansas City, MO: May 1, 2009 — Sealant, Waterproofing & Restoration Institute (SWR Institute) has announced two new validation programs: Contractor Validation Program and Validated Training Program.

In addition to SWR Institute's Product Validation Program, SWR Institute is now validating contractors! Through committee work members determined the industry demands validation for contractors regarding "Training" and "Performance Based Criteria." The overall objective for both the Training Validation and Contractor Validation Programs is to ensure the owners and designers receive the highest standards of workmanship for a particular sealant, waterproofing and restoration application.

The Training Validation Program analyzes Contractor internal controls to educate their applicators about the proper means and methods associated with quality product installation. Specific technical content has been outlined and required for review. A Program shall consist of, but not necessarily be limited to, such items as product types, joint profile, preparation, properties, packaging, curing, safety and tools. A company will submit their Training Program and the committee will then award a stamp of approval based on meeting certain standards. For more information about the Training Validation Program, [click here](#).

The Contractor Validation Program focuses on the Contractor's corporate strengths surrounding "performance-based criteria." The Contractor will be evaluated on such critical matters as similar project experience, key management personnel, financial stability, safety, training, insurance and other marketplace benchmarks. Contractors will be awarded a Recognition Level (i.e. Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze) as their validation seal based upon results of their application. For more information about the Contractor Validation Program, [click here](#).

Simply summarizing, Training Validation Program pertains to workmanship; whereas, the Contractor Validation Program pertains to corporate fundamental controls and overall performance. The ultimate goal of both programs is to assist the end user in selecting competent firms to maintain their structures.

SWR Institute is an international trade association that represents the commercial sealant, waterproofing and restoration construction industry. With over 260 member companies, SWR Institute's membership represents some of the most experienced and qualified contractors, manufacturers and design professionals in the industry. Through educational programs and publications, SWR Institute members promote industry-wide standards of application and products. For more information, please go to www.swrionline.org.

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