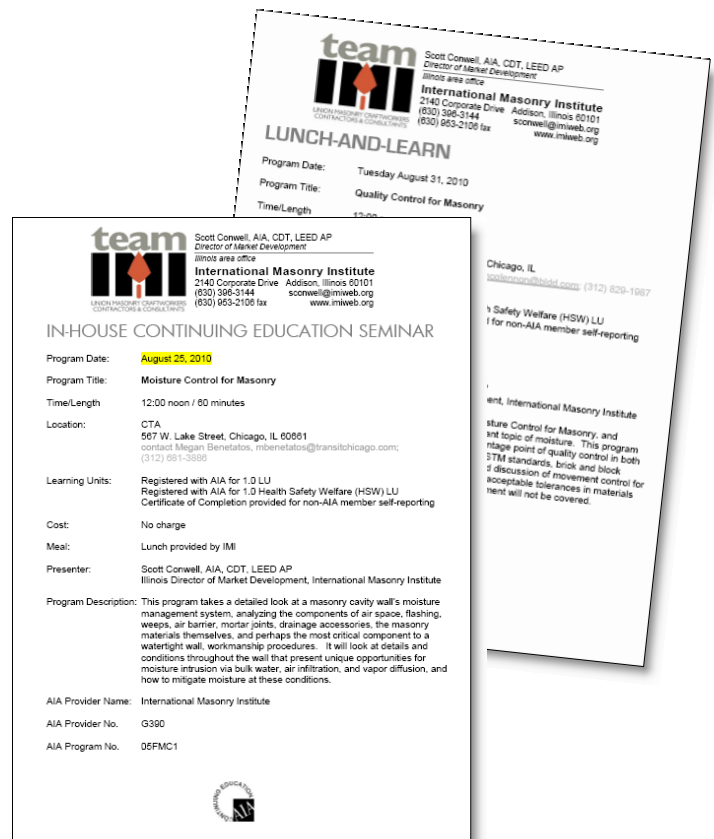


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Professional Education Seminars

August was a busy month for delivering educational seminars to architects and engineers on various masonry topics. The IMI seminars are so popular that we've been invited back to give multiple seminars at many of these firms. For example, this month, I delivered the third of a 4-part series for the Chicago Transit Authority; and the fifth seminar for BLDD Architects of a tour that includes BLDD's Chicago, Champaign, Bloomington, and Decatur offices. This month I also did repeat seminars at the McDonald's Corporation and PSA Dewberry Architects. Topics presented in August include Sustainability, Moisture Control, Quality Control, and AAC. The feedback of the architects is consistently positive.



Current and upcoming professional education seminars

Date	Audience	Location	Presentation	Attendance
03/16/11	FGM Architects	Oak Brook, IL	"Masonry for Sustainability"	25 est.
12/14/10	AIA Central Illinois	Bloomington, IL	"Cold Weather Masonry Construction"	30 est.
12/09/10	DeStefano + Partners	Chicago, IL	"AAC Case Study"	30 est.
11/16/10	Northern Illinois CSI Chapter	Addison, IL	"Tour Bricklayers Training Center"	45 est.
11/09/10	Association of Licensed Architects, Illinois chapter	Rolling Meadows, IL	"Masonry for Sustainability"	70 est.
10/28/10	Pella ACE-Con Architectural Conference	West Chicago, IL	"Masonry for Sustainability"	45 est.
10/26/10	O'Shea University / O'Shea Builders	Springfield, IL	"Cold Weather Masonry Construction"	30 est.
10/06/10	Walsh Construction (office)	Chicago, IL	"Cold Weather Masonry Construction"	50 est.
09/29/10	St. Louis architects & engineers	St. Louis, MO	"Maximizing Sustainable Masonry Solutions"	120 est.
09/27/10	Illinois Institute of Technology Architecture students	Addison, IL	"Hands-on Bricklaying"	157 est.
09/24/10	Illinois Institute of Technology Architecture students	Chicago, IL	"Masonry Design and Detailing"	157 est.
09/23/10	Illinois State University	Bloomington, IL	"Masonry Design and Detailing"	40 est.
09/22/10	Central IL AIA, Central IL Mason Contractors	Morton, IL	"Quality Control for Masonry"	50 est.
09/15/10	Legat Architects	Waukegan, IL	"Masonry for Sustainability"	20 est.
09/14/10	University of Illinois Architecture students	Champaign, IL	"Masonry Design and Detailing"	60 est.
09/10/10	Central Illinois Green Expo	East Peoria, IL	"Masonry for Sustainability"	50 est.
09/08/10	Chicago Transit Authority (4 of 4)	Chicago, IL	"Quality Control for Masonry"	50 est.
09/07/10	Matrix Engineering	Chicago, IL	"Structural Tips"	20 est.
08/31/10	BLDD Architects	Chicago, IL	"Quality Control for Masonry"	14
08/25/10	Chicago Transit Authority (3 of 4)	Chicago, IL	"Moisture Control for Masonry"	40
08/24/10	McDonald's Corporation	Oak Brook, IL	"Masonry for Sustainability"	28
08/19/10	SMNG-A Architects	Chicago, IL	"Introduction to AAC"	14
08/17/10	AECOM Architects & Engineers	Chicago, IL	"Quality Control for Masonry"	22
08/12/10	PSA-Dewberry/BCA Architects	Elgin, IL	"Masonry for Sustainability"	20
08/10/10	BLDD Architects (4 of 4)	Chicago, IL	"Moisture Control for Masonry"	13

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IMI Details published in Wiley book

John Wiley & Sons, publisher of "Architectural Graphic Standards" recently published a new book entitled "The Architect's Guide to Preventing Water Infiltration." Author Hiram Pajo, AIA recognized the quality of IMI's Masonry Detailing Series, and made arrangements with IMI to publish many of our stucco details in this book, with the proper credits to IMI, of course. This is one example of how IMI is looked at as an expert in the masonry industry for the allied crafts as well as the bricklaying trades.



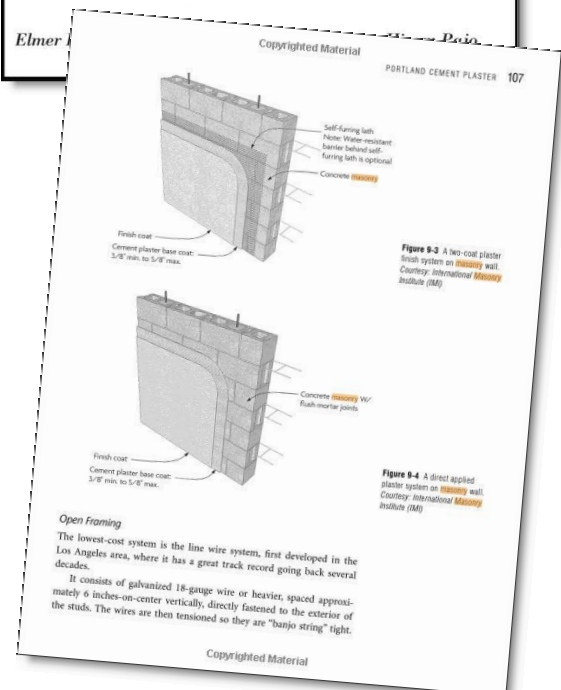
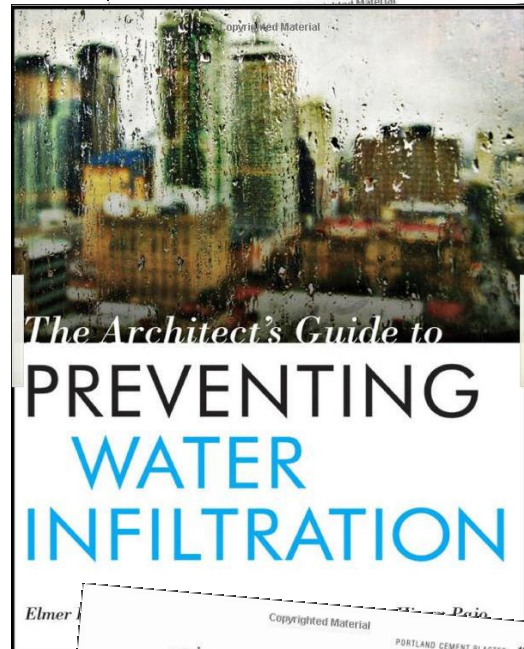
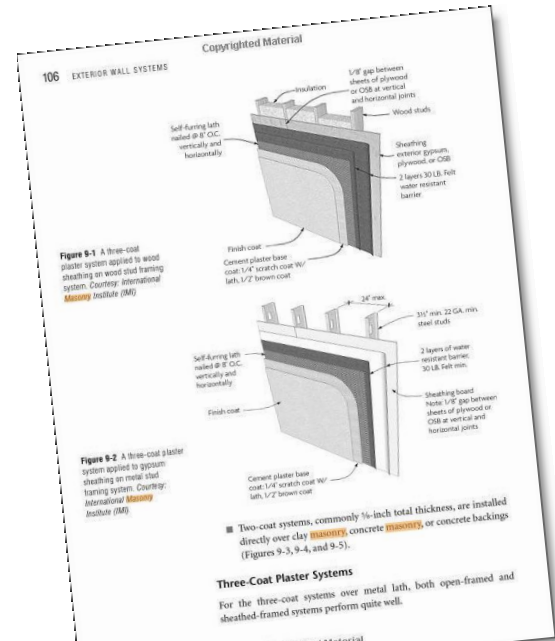
BAC Contractor Wins Air Barrier Decision

With the help of IMI, BAC contractor Illinois Masonry Corp won a decision at the Chicago Building Trades wherein the arbitrator ruled that air barrier installation on the Ogden Relacement School should fall under the jurisdiction of the bricklayers' work, not the Roofers and Waterproofers, who challeged the work assignment. IMI testified at the hearing, presenting IMI's history of training and support of air barrier installation. This ruling will open the doors for BAC installation of air barrier in Chicago on future projects.

After a review of all the parties' presentations and relevant facts, I have determined that the work in question properly belongs to the Bricklayers. I first note that based on the evidence presented, I cannot find sufficient evidence of a binding agreement of record, established trade practice or decision of record that sustains the position of either party. Therefore, I must proceed to the next criteria:

d) Only if none of the above criteria is found to exist, the Arbitrator shall then consider that because efficiency, cost or continuity and good management are essential to the well being of the industry, the interests of the consumer or the past practices of the employer shall not be ignored.

According to the evidence presented at the Hearing, the Contractor, Illinois Masonry, prefers that the Bricklayers perform the work, and therefore the work was originally awarded to the Bricklayers. The Contractor's Representative testified that in the interest of maximum efficiency, the Contractor prefers that the Bricklayers perform the work in question in conjunction with the masonry work performed by the Bricklayers. While both parties presented excellent presentations, I note that the burden of proof in this matter is on the party challenging the award of work, in this case, the Roofers. The evidence presented by the Roofers was not sufficient to overcome the original award of work to, and presentation by, the Bricklayers. Therefore, based on the criteria set forth above in Article VI (d), the work shall remain with the Bricklayers.



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Project Involvement, August

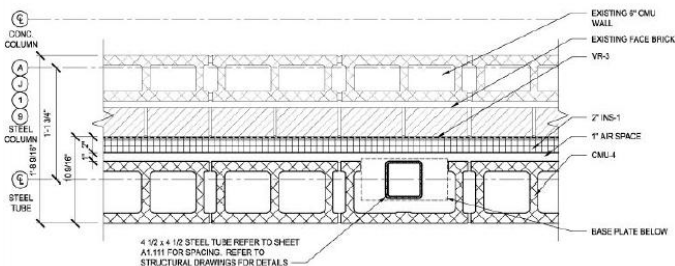
PROJECT INVOLVEMENT						
Date	Owner	Project	Location	Masonry Issue	Architect / Contractor	Action / Status
08/26/10	Water Saver	new industrial building	Chicago, IL	plan and detail review	Sander Kaplan,	review masonry details for architect
08/25/10	CTA	Chinatown CTA station	22nd street, Chicago, IL	Structural glazed facing tile; 2-wythe wall at toilet rooms	CTA	review masonry details for architect
08/25/10	Winfield School District	Wheaton Christian Grammar School	Winfield, IL	quality of brick workmanship / cleaning	The Ryan Companies, Scott Elliot; G. Porter Masonry	site visit with GC to evaluate workmanship
08/23/10	not specified	Residences at Fountain Square	Waukegan, IL	mason contractor installation of air barrier	Don Stoltzner Mason Contractor; J J Duffy General Contractor	meet with mason contractor; letter to GC
08/23/10	University of Chicago	Logan Center for Creative and Performing Arts	Chicago, IL	limestone review	TRWW Architects; Holabird & Root Architects, Greg Grunloh; Turner Construction	meet w/ Rich Carreras, Earthworks Stone
08/19/10	City of Chicago PBC	Ogden School replacement school	Chicago, IL	masonry detail review	SMNG+A Architects	masonry presentation, detail review, project review w/ architect Ken Schroeder
08/16/10	Capital Development Board	Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Science Center	Edwardsville, IL	new Science Center originally designed with masonry, now considering tilt-up		prepared Marketing Booklet for architect and Owner
08/16/10	City of Chicago Public Buildings Commission	Jones Magnet High School	Chicago, IL	concept phase (pre-schematic); architect is considering masonry for this LEED Silver design	Perkins & Will - Christopher Hall	prepared Marketing Booklet for architect and Owner
08/11/10	Chicago Public Schools	Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory	Chicago, IL	\$35M school; masonry pre-job conference just took place. Architect may want IMI to visit site for QC observations	BLDD Architects, Garth Larmco/Illinois Masonry Corp joint venture	met with architect, viewed plans; discussed wall system and masonry details
08/05/10	Village of Richton Park	Richton Park Community center	Richton Park, IL	Masonry to roof detail	Globetrotters Engineering, Margaret Lehto	detail review and letter to architect re. technical assistance
08/04/10	Chicago Transit Authority	North & Clybourn station restoration of Des Plaines Village Hall	Chicago, IL	renovation / addition to train station grinding & pointing; caulking coping stones		presentation to CTA
08/03/10	Village of Des Plaines, IL		Des Plaines, IL		Thomas Zordin, Architectural Consulting Group	tech info to Joe Mandelky for meeting w/ architect & mayor



University of Chicago Performing Arts Center

The Performing Arts Center is designed by TWBTA (Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects, LTD) out of New York City, a firm that John Bachenski has also called on re. this project. There will be 22,000 – 23,000 cubic feet of stone laid in type N mortar with a metal stud backup. The stone unit sizes are 4" x 4" x 24-36". The architect of record is Holabird and Root (Greg Grunloh) out of Chicago, a firm with a close working relationship to IMI. Holabird and Root architects have attended Masonry Camp, been to our training center, and have partnered with IMI on many masonry projects throughout the years. The masonry on the Performing Arts Center, including air barrier (pending contract) will be installed by Illinois Masonry Corporation, a BAC contractor.

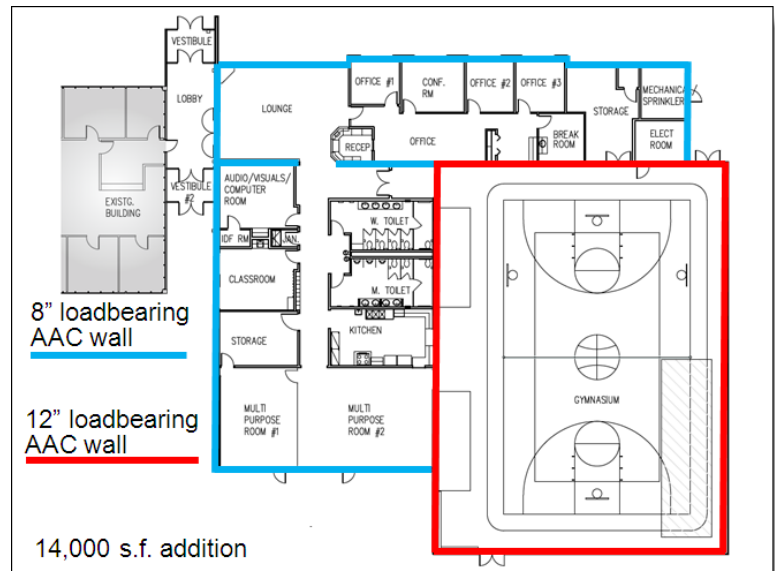
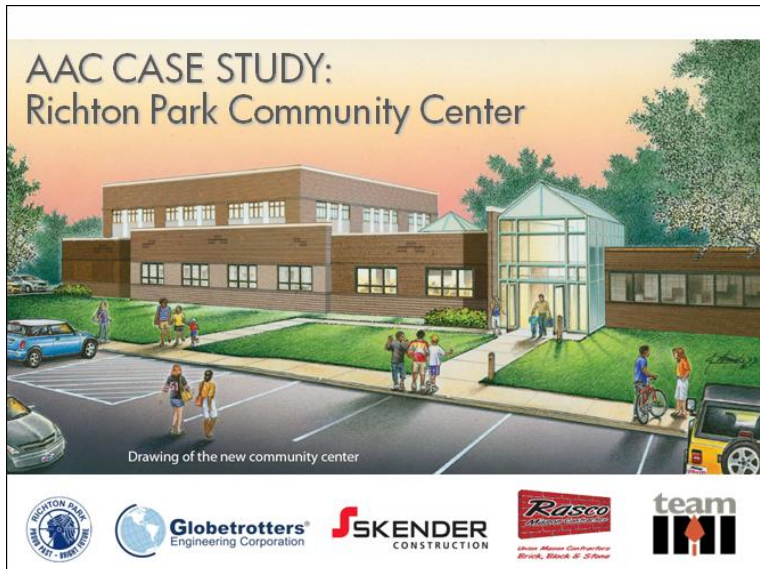
University of Chicago Performing Arts Center



Water Saver office building

Water Saver industrial office building

IMI reviewed plans and details for this re-cladding of an existing masonry building, with SKJN Architekten. BAC Contractor Midwest Masonry has the work. We are making an effort to get the air barrier placed in the masonry package



IMI Internal Education

I presented an in-progress case study to IMI marketing and technical staff on the new loadbearing AAC project, Richton Park Community Center. Diane has several review comments that I will need to work into the 11NAMC paper, but I feel like we're off to a good start in documenting and promoting this historic project. ◆

Xella meetings

I spent some time with national representatives of Xella, providers of the AAC at Richton Park Community Center. We met with Globetrotters Engineering, the designer of Richton Park. We toured the IMI training center, where Xella expressed an interest in doing some sponsored architect seminars in the future. We also discussed them sponsoring and providing AAC material for hands-on demonstrations at the annual AIA Chicago Young Architects plastering event. I arranged for IMI and Xella to meet with the City of Chicago Department of Buildings to discuss the use of structural AAC in Chicago. ◆

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August activities & programs

August 2	Quality Control for Masonry seminar at General Services Administration (GSA)	Chicago, IL
August 4	Structural Masonry Basics seminar at Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)	Chicago, IL
August 5	job site visit at Richton Park Community Center to review Sto Creativ Brick finish AAC coating	Richton Park, IL
August 6	NLRB Jurisdictional Hearing w/ BAC re. Air Barriers	Chicago, IL
August 10	Moisture Control for Masonry seminar at BLDD Architects	Chicago, IL
August 10	Illinois marketing call with Dave Sovinski	Chicago, IL
August 12	teleconference re. Single Wythe Concrete Masonry	Addison, IL
August 12	Masonry for Sustainability seminar at PSA-Dewberry/BCA Architects	Elgin, IL
August 13	IMI Internal Education - Richton Park AAC case study	Addison, IL
August 16	job site visit at CVS store re. half-high block	Naperville, IL
August 16	meet w/ Christian Mergner, Xella re. AAC projects in Chicago	Addison, IL
August 17	Quality Control for Masonry seminar at AECOM Architects &	Chicago, IL
August 17	meet w/ Bob Fahlstrom, City of Chicago Dept. of Buildings re. AAC	Chicago, IL
August 17	meet w/ Margaret Lehto at Globetrotters Engineering re. Richton Park Community Center	Chicago, IL
August 18	teleconference w/ Darya Minosyants re. AIA plastering event	Chicago, IL
August 19	IMI presentation on Introduction to AAC for SMNG-A Architects	Chicago, IL
August 20	Internal Education call - New Products	Addison, IL
August 23	meet w/ Rich Carreras, Earthworks Stone re. University of Chicago Performing Arts Center	Addison, IL
August 23	Contractor Outreach meeting w/ Don Stoltzner, Stoltzner Masonry re. air barriers and IMI programs	Wheeling, IL
August 24	Masonry for Sustainability seminar for McDonald's Corp. architects	Oak Brook, IL
August 25	Moisture Control for Masonry seminar at Chicago Transit Authority	Chicago, IL
August 26	meet w/ Neil Weber, SKJN Architekten Corp. re. plan review	Riverside, IL
August 30	meet w/ Scott Elliott, The Ryan Companies , re. Wheaton Christian Grammar School	Winfield, IL
August 30	Richton Park AAC job visit to observe calcium silicate base	Richton Park, IL
August 31	job site visit at Water Saver offices, Erie & Halsted w/ SKJN Architekten, Midwest Masonry	Chicago, IL
August 31	Quality Control for Masonry seminar at BLDD Architects	Chicago, IL

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Upcoming Programs

Sept 1	meet w/ Angelo Trapani, Walsh Construction re. University of Illinois graduate student lecture	Chicago, IL
Sept 7	Structural Masonry Tips seminar at Matrix Engineering	Chicago, IL
Sept 8	meet w/ Leona Ketterl, City of Chicago Public Building Commission re. William Jones College Preparatory High School	Chicago, IL
Sept 8	meet w/ Dick Fencil, Gensler Architects re. building envelope	Chicago, IL
Sept 8	Quality Control for Masonry seminar at Chicago Transit Authority	Chicago, IL
Sept 10	Masonry for Sustainability seminar at Central Illinois Green Expo (presenting only; not exhibiting)	East Peoria, IL
Sept 14	masonry lecture at University of Illinois College of Architecture	Champaign, IL
Sept 15	Masonry for Sustainability seminar at Legat Architects	Waukegan, IL
Sept 21	CSI Chicago meeting	Chicago, IL
Sept 22	IMI seminar on Quality Control for Masonry with Hands-On Bricklaying for Central Illinois AIA and Central Illinois Mason Contractors Association	Morton, IL
Sept 23	meet w/ Mike Zimmerman, MR Masonry re. Peoria Main Library project	Peoria, IL
Sept 23	masonry lecture at Illinois State University College of Construction Management	Bloomington, IL
Sept 24	Masonry Design & Detailing lecture at Illinois Institute of Technology	Chicago, IL
Sept 27	Hands-on Bricklaying w/ IIT architecture students at IMI/BAC District Council Training Center	Addison, IL
Sept 28	Mason Contractors Association of Greater Chicago meeting and presentation by Alan Itzkowitz, AIA	Rosemont, IL
Sept 29	Maximizing Sustainable Masonry Solutions presentation for St. Louis architects	St. Louis, MO
Oct 4	IMI-sponsored Tile Design program with Ceramic Tile Contractors Association of Greater Chicago meeting	Arlington Heights, IL
Oct 5	Association of Licensed Architects / CSI Architectural Expo	Oak Brook, IL
Oct 6	Cold Weather Masonry Construction seminar at Walsh Construction	Chicago, IL
Oct 7-8	NTMA Annual Technical meeting	Chicago, IL
Oct 26	Cold Weather Masonry Construction seminar at O'Shea University, O'Shea Builders	Springfield, IL
Oct 28	Structural Masonry Tips presentation at ACE-Con conference	West Chicago, IL
Nov 9	IMI presentation on Masonry for Sustainability for Association of Licensed Architects meeting	Rolling Meadows, IL
Nov. 18	USGBC GreenBuild (attend only)	Chicago, IL
Nov 16	IMI hosts tour of District Council Training Center for Northern Illinois Construction Specifications Institute	Addison, IL
Dec 7	IMI - AIA Chicago Young Architects Annual Plastering Event and Holiday Party	Chicago, IL
Dec 9	IMI presentation of Richton Park Community Center case study at DeStefano + Partners Architects	Chicago, IL
Dec 14	Cold Weather Masonry Construction seminar at AIA Central Illinois	Bloomington, IL