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Construct 2008 Underway in Las Vegas



Remember the old CSI show that was dying? ([CLICK HERE](#) for last year's review) Well, it did, but has risen phoenix-like from the rubble to become the Construct show, which is taking place this week in Las Vegas. It continues through tomorrow.



The re-invented CSI show opened today at the Las Vegas Convention Center and Construct 2008 opened with a bang as crowds poured into the South Hall location to see what the approximately 300 exhibitors had to offer. Under the management of Hanley-Wood LLC, the new event features 53,000 square feet of exhibition space.

The architectural glass and metal industry is present, showing its green credentials to attendees. The Tremco booth strongly promotes its involvement in solar and daylighting.



CPFilms is giving a series of seminars on the show floor discussing how film can add privacy to existing glass, in addition to other benefits. Wasco Skylights is promoting its nanogel insulation for skylights and its positive effects on daylighting.

Security glazing and hurricane-resistant products are also on the minds of attendees. Sheffield Plastics is showcasing its Makrolon Hygard SD security glazing products.

Energy efficiency is here in the PPG booth, with its spotlight on low-E glass. The company also gave a seminar that focused on how architects can effectively utilize low-E glass in design.

Many of the attendees stopping at the **USGlass/Architects' Guide to Glass & Metal** booth have been architects, and their interests and questions center around energy efficiency, security glazing and photovoltaics (PV), all very similar to the experience at the American Institute of Architects (AIA) show in Boston just a couple of weeks ago ([CLICK HERE](#) for more on that show).

Bruce Brown, a principal in GBD Architects in Portland, Ore., stopped by this morning to ask about a new glass technology that he had heard about but could not find at the show. "I'm very interested in vacuum glass and I understand Guardian will be introducing such a product," he commented.



On the event's extensive educational program, which was well attended, were two sessions specific to the architectural glass and metal industry. In one, Raj Goyal of Graham Architectural Products Corp. discussed the effects of blasts on glazing, while in the other James Bogdan of PPG compared the energy and upfront cost saving potential of common low-E glasses.

Looking ahead, Construct 2009 will combine its recently acquired TFM show for senior facility management executives with Construct. Beginning in 2009, the TFM show will co-locate with Construct 2009, scheduled for June 17-19, 2009, at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. In this way, the facility managers who attend the TFM show will now have the opportunity to network with architects, engineers, specifiers and general contractors.

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