

# Membership Brochure



**An Organization of High-Performance People  
Labeling High-Performance Fenestration**

Welcome to NFRC.

Membership is open to all who support our mission.

NFRC is the indisputable authority for providing the information people need to make the best decision about purchasing energy efficient windows, doors, and skylights. Have you ever seen a label on a new car that talks about fuel efficiency? Likewise, NFRC puts a label on windows that talks about energy efficiency.

### Mission Statement

*NFRC develops and administers energy-related rating and certification programs that serve the public by providing fair, accurate, and credible information on fenestration product energy performance.*



### Vision

*NFRC is the recognized leader in energy performance rating and certification programs for fenestration products.*

### About NFRC – 200 + Members and Growing Strong

Founded in 1989, NFRC is a 501 (c) (3), non-profit organization. Its certification and labeling program verifies that fenestration products have undergone third-party testing and will perform the way their manufacturer says they will perform.

NFRC certifies the energy performance of different products using stringent quality control measures and superior technology. NFRC also provides the energy values required in the ENERGY STAR® program.

We are a trusted source for fenestration experts and consumers, promoting improvements in fenestration products by supporting reliable data from independent simulation and testing laboratories and inspection agencies. NFRC staff is always prepared to serve you with your certification, inspection, and simulation needs.

### What Does NFRC Membership Offer?

NFRC is a consensus-driven organization. One of the main benefits of being an NFRC member is that it gives you a voice and a vote. *You* help decide how NFRC ratings are developed. Members ideas are voted into action and you can also vote on the ideas presented by other members.

*“NFRC offers valuable services in helping more complex fenestration product categories also develop and promulgate energy ratings, better to inform the public and building designers and component specifiers how various competing products compare.”*

*Ross McCluney  
SunPine Consulting*

*“NFRC offers us the opportunity to provide input to new standards currently being developed for our industry. We continue to be a member because of the constant movement forward with responsible energy codes surrounding our industry.”*

*Gena Webb  
Twitchell Corporation*

 National Fenestration Rating Council® <b>CERTIFIED</b>	<b>World's Best Window Co.</b> Millennium 2000+ Vinyl-Clad Wood Frame Double Glazing • Argon Fill • Low E Product Type: <b>Vertical Slider</b>	
	<b>ENERGY PERFORMANCE RATINGS</b> U-Factor (U.S./I-P)      Solar Heat Gain Coefficient <b>0.30</b> <b>0.30</b>	
<b>ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE RATINGS</b> Visible Transmittance      Air Leakage (U.S./I-P) <b>0.51</b> <b>0.2</b>		
<small>Manufacturer stipulates that these ratings conform to applicable NFRC procedures for determining whole product performance. NFRC ratings are determined for a best set of environmental conditions and a specific product size. NFRC does not recommend any product and does not warrant the suitability of any product for any specific use. Consult manufacturer's literature for other product performance information. www.nfrc.org</small>		

## What Else Does NFRC Membership Offer?

Members can join one of NFRC's many subcommittees and committees where they share ideas with like-minded people. They also bolster their careers through networking and enjoy access to breaking fenestration news that impacts the way they conduct business. Members gain recognition as someone who is committed to consensus building; as well as to improving education and research within the industry.

NFRC membership is:

- Influence among industry experts who shape future energy standards
- Access to industry expertise and best practices through networking opportunities
- Internationally recognized for developing fenestration ratings

Leading change – that's what NFRC membership is all about.

*"One of the most valuable benefits of NFRC membership for us is the ability to participate as a voting member on the development of and revisions to the rating standards, and especially to the certification program, so as to ensure that they consider the needs of energy code enforcement agencies."*

*John Hogan*

*Seattle Department of Planning and Development*

## Who are NFRC's members?

NFRC's members and its professional staff are proven leaders — practiced and knowledgeable specialists who thoroughly understand energy performance, best practices, and quality control standards. They are manufacturers, architects, and construction professionals. They are also building code enforcement experts and specifiers. NFRC members are also consumer organizations that promote energy efficiency and sustainable building practices.

*"NFRC has introduced us to many key organizations and people in the fenestration industry (manufacturers, government, scientists, academia, and more), both in North American and around the world".*

*Michael Cienia  
Hunter-Douglas*

*"Our international partnership with the NFRC through the formation of the AFRC gives Australia an internationally-recognized tested and proven system for accredited energy ratings that has been referenced in the Australian Building Code as the only acceptable path for fenestration rating compliance."*

*Tracey Gramlick  
Australia Window Association*



## How does the Public Perceive NFRC Members?

NFRC members have credibility and stature in the marketplace. By choosing to participate in NFRC's voluntary rating and certification program, members show the public their commitment to providing fair, accurate, and credible information that consumers can use to make the best purchasing decisions.

Let NFRC membership build your stature in the marketplace. Position yourself as an expert that your customers respect and rely upon for quality work.

*"Membership is a great investment for our company. Being a part of the standards helps us understand who and why of new designs. This means we can offer our customers the best designed windows for their market."*

*Marvin Stover  
Royal Group Technologies*

*"NFRC is an independent organization which means the quality of evaluation, as a lab, gives us excellent credibility from our clients. NFRC is focused on the industry and bettering energy efficiency ratings."*

*Gilbert Riopel  
Air-Ins, Inc.*

## NFRC Member Benefits

Members share ideas and build the kind of business relationships you need to create new opportunities – the kind that generate more business as the industry and the world continue to change. Benefits of NFRC membership include:

- Networking opportunities within the fenestration industry
- NFRC's e-newsletter, *Insider*
- A members-only section on our Website
- Discounts on product and glazing certification and meeting fees
- Access to breaking industry news that helps you anticipate change and stay competitive



*"We value our membership. Especially, the ability to network directly with members of the fenestration industry and receive their input and expertise for fenestration-related programs within the laboratory and gaining firsthand knowledge of the newest products, companies, and techniques within the industry".*

*Terry Mapes  
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory*

NFRC's rating and certification programs continue to develop in size and scope, and you can contribute to this development by joining NFRC. Your voice and your vote can help shape the role NFRC's programs play in a rapidly changing industry and a rapidly changing world.

Engage in the NFRC to make a difference for you, your company, and the future. Learn more about NFRC membership today by visiting us on the Web at <http://www.nfrc.org/memberinfo.aspx> or calling us at 301/589-1776.

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