

Cleveland City Planners “Prefer Masonry” for Convention Center

As architects unveiled their proposed schematic design for the new \$420 million Cleveland Convention Center/Medical Mart project last month, IMI had the opportunity to stress how masonry benefits the local architecture and economy, more than the original design concept from LMN Architects. At the joint session of the city’s Planning, Design Review and Landmarks Commissions, many members voiced their preference for masonry.



Everyone Wants to Know More about Moisture Control

Smart contractors are sending BAC craftworkers to IMI Flashing Training. Recent Ohio sessions included an onsite class at Canton’s Aultman Hospital CCC project (required by the owner), and for Jess Hauer Masonry in Cincinnati to meet a school project’s specifications. Designers also appreciate IMI Flashing/Moisture Control seminars, including recent ones for Seckel Group, now working on a \$13M performing arts center plan near Mansfield, Cincinnati’s Champlin Architecture, and Columbus’ Shremshock, whose work includes a \$35M corrections facility.

Training for the Future

An important part of preparing for future work opportunities is partnering with key industry players, including manufacturers and suppliers. IMI held an interactive training day this month in Cleveland for **Tremco**, a leading supplier of sealants and weatherproofing. Two dozen technical, research and sales staff learned about masonry construction and trends, and shared their perspectives.

Air Barriers Open Doors

Air barrier systems are one of the biggest building trends today. The Ohio School Facilities Commission and many other states now mandate them on all state-funded K-12 work, including Maple Heights’ K-12 school complex, Fremont Middle School, and Barberton High School. Private owners, like University Hospital’s Ahuja Medical Center in Warrensville Heights, are pushing them, too. IMI works with designers to emphasize the importance of qualified installers, and keeps BAC members up to date.

Cincinnati Masonry Day & Expo



Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 11, 2010, where top contractors and masons will join technical experts for a hands-on learning experience. Topics include masonry design, moisture and movement control, and structural masonry tips. *For more information, contact Tom Nagy at tnagy@imiweb.org or 330/342-0365.*