

## AAC Releases Educational Course for Architects

(Wauconda, Illinois; December 2015) The Aluminum Anodizers Council (AAC) has released a new online learning course for architects, designers, engineers, building developers and professionals available on AEC Daily, a continuing education website for building and construction professionals. The course, *Anodizing 101: Building, Construction & Design*, was approved for continuing education units (CEU) by the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the USGBC's Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI), The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) and 20 other building & construction organizations. The *Anodizing 101* course provides an excellent overview of the characteristics, technical information and benefits of aluminum anodizing as used in building and design, as well as providing an overall understanding of the use of aluminum as a building material, alternative finishing methods, sustainability, and application possibilities.

Developed by a subgroup of the AAC Promotion Committee, the course includes material that:

- Provides technical information regarding the benefits of aluminum and anodized aluminum used as a building material in terms of strength and durability
- Outlines the sustainable characteristics of aluminum & anodized aluminum building products
- Presents solutions on how to address some of today's building design challenges in light of the increasing demand for green buildings
- Showcases various building and construction applications and innovations using anodized aluminum
- Provides specific details on how to properly specify these materials as part of the design process.

"This educational course has been in development for some time, so we are glad to be able to provide architects and designers with detailed information that will help them understand and consider the use of anodized aluminum for their projects," said Paul Laurin, President of A & D Prevost in Quebec and current AAC Chairman. "We have been told that there are many design professionals that are not familiar with the excellent characteristics that make anodized aluminum one of the best material choices for functional, aesthetic, sustainable and efficient designs. This course will provide these professionals with a better understanding of the many benefits anodized aluminum offers in building and construction applications."

The *Anodizing 101* course was developed as part of the Council's ongoing mission to raise awareness and understanding of anodized aluminum as a sustainable, practical, cost-effective solution to design. Through its industry promotion efforts, the Council is committed to bringing comprehensive education and information about anodizing's characteristics, applications, environmental and design benefits, to the B&C communities.

The Aluminum Anodizers Council's *Anodizing 101: Building, Construction & Design* online learning course can be accessed on the AEC Daily website, the largest provider of free online continuing education to construction professionals. Architects, engineers, interior designers and other construction professionals rely on AEC Daily to maintain their accreditation. For more information about the course visit [www.anodizing.org](http://www.anodizing.org) or contact Katie Friedman, AAC Director of Marketing at [kfriedman@tso.net](mailto:kfriedman@tso.net) or 847-416-7215.

*About the AAC: The Aluminum Anodizers Council (AAC) is the international trade association of firms engaged in aluminum anodizing and whose mission it is to support members—and users of anodized aluminum—through education, advocacy and promotion. The Council combines the many voices of the industry into one strong, clear voice. AAC is a progressive and influential industry force—a reputation proudly earned through years of dedication, commitment and involvement by its members. Visit the AAC website [www.anodizing.org](http://www.anodizing.org) to obtain valuable information and resources related to anodizing processes and applications.*

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