

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**November 16, 2007*****New Requirements for Annual Fire Door Inspections******Colorado Doorways, Inc. Becomes First Distributor in Colorado with Certified Fire Door Inspectors***

DENVER, Colorado - Properly operating fire doors help protect property and save lives in the event of any emergency. Defective, damaged or non-functional fire doors can lead to tragic results and may subject building owners and managers to catastrophic losses and increased legal liability. Recognizing the importance of fire doors in preserving life and property, the National Fire Protection Association recently began requiring annual inspections of all fire door assemblies, including swinging doors and builders' hardware (NFPA 80, 2007).

This change is highly significant to all building owners. Now, just like elevators, sprinkler systems and fire alarms, fire door openings must be inspected by a certified third-party to maintain NFPA compliance. NFPA 80's language in paragraph 5-2.1 requires fire door assemblies to be inspected 'not less than annually, and a written record of the inspection shall be signed and kept for inspection by the AHJ.'

Once a certified inspector has determined that an assembly is compliant with NFPA 80 they may apply an Intertek label (right) specific to the program. The label indicates that the inspection was conducted by a certified fire door inspector as well as the year of the inspection. Through the presence of a label backed by an industry preferred brand in Intertek (Warnock Hersey), Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs) can be assured that inspections have been properly and accurately performed.



Intertek and the Door & Hardware Institute have implemented a Certified Fire Door Inspector Program. Through the program, inspectors are trained to properly perform inspections of fire-rated door assemblies to the 2007 edition of NFPA 80: Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives.

Recognizing the importance of these new requirements to its customers, Colorado Doorways, Inc. is at the forefront in providing area building owners and managers with NFPA 80 compliant solutions. We are the first in the state to have employees pass the rigorous testing requirements and now have Certified Fire Door Assembly Inspectors on staff.

About Colorado Doorways, Inc.

Colorado Doorways, Inc. is Colorado's largest supplier of all components of the architectural door opening. The company was founded in 1973, present management assumed ownership in 1986, and has remained in constant place ever since. CDI's annual sales volume exceeds \$30 million, and our employee base has remained in the vicinity of 95 hard working, loyal, and highly valued employees.

Colorado Doorways is a Diamond Level Premier sponsor the Door & Hardware Institute and its Foundation for the Advancement of Life Safety and Security and is the only distributor in the entire industry to receive this distinction.

To learn more about Colorado Doorways, Inc., please visit our website at www.codoor.com.