

Forde Employees Certified as Window “InstallationMasters™”



Northbrook, IL – May 8, 2008. Forde Windows & Remodeling, Inc. a full-service remodeling company, has announced that two of its professionals have been designated as InstallationMasters™ by the American Architectural Manufacturers Association.

The professionals are Steve Johnson and Anthony Bernal. Johnson has six years of industry experience, and has been with Forde for two years. Bernal has 12 years of industry experience, and has been with Forde for eight years. The designation means Johnson and Bernal have joined a select group of certified window and door installers for new construction and remodeling projects.

“While we have years of experience installing windows and doors and pride ourselves on quality installations, we can always learn more,” said Maurice Forde, owner of the Northbrook-based company. “This program brought us up to speed on today’s industry-accepted standards and techniques designed to avoid common problems. With this certification, our customers can be even more confident”

“Everyone who is building or remodeling a house should know that, no matter how much they spend on top notch windows, the windows won’t perform properly if they’re not installed correctly,” explained Bernal. “Poor installation techniques can defeat the advantages of the product and result in air or water leaks, wasted energy, or improper operation.”

“We’re well aware that many people are wary of contractors, given the horror stories you sometimes hear about shoddy workmanship and the negative impact this has on energy efficiency,” added Johnson. “This is one way we can show prospective customers that we’re a reputable, reliable resource.”

To qualify as certified InstallationMasters™, Johnson and Bernal attended an intensive two-day training course conducted by InstallationMasters™-accredited instructors. The installers had to demonstrate competency by passing a written test designed to assess the knowledge they gained during the training course. Once they passed the test, they became certified InstallationMasters™ installers. They each received an ID card designating them as InstallationMasters™

The InstallationMasters™ Training and Certification program was developed by the American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA), a professional association of some 300 top residential and commercial window, door, and skylight manufacturers and suppliers, which has been recognized for over 60 years as improving product quality performance standards and installation methods in the window and door industry.

About Forde Windows & Remodeling: Forde Windows & Remodeling is a full-service remodeling company offering everything from design consultation through finished construction. Services include kitchen and bathroom remodeling, room additions and renovations, and replacement windows. More information is available at www.fordedesignbuild.com.

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