Approved Contractor Program Update

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Todays presentation

- Why FM Approvals
- DRI exam requirements
- Global growth of firestop contractors
- Visiting firestop contractors
FM Approvals

- Third party certification and testing organization
- Focused solely on Approving products and services that promote Property Loss Prevention
- Conduct follow-up surveillance audits
- Publish online FM Approval Guide
- Write FM Approval Standards based on research
  - FM 4990 *Firestopping* (December 2009)
  - FM 4991 *Firestop Contractors* (October 2013)
Basis for Approval

- Contractor has been in the firestop installation business for the two (2) year period immediately prior to obtaining Approval.
- Minimum of one (1) DRI employed by the contractor per location
- An initial, in-house and job-site Surveillance Audit of the contractor’s quality control program. Continued on an annual basis.
- A documented and archived record keeping system for all installations.
Why Should I Partner With FM Approvals?

- FM Approvals is a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL)
- Products and services recognized and accepted by end users and local regulators
- Competitive advantage & marketing differentiation
- You are also partnering with FM Global
Designated Responsible Individual (DRI)

- The DRI has a demonstrated knowledge of the FCIA MOP, FM Approval requirements, overall product knowledge in his/her area of expertise and the ability to select firestopping components, systems and assemblies that will meet or exceed written specifications.
- Must pass both written exams with 80% or greater
- Must be re-certified every three (3) years
Designated Responsible Individual (DRI)

- **DRI Exams**
  - Two types of exams
    - General information – allowed 45 minutes
    - Design selection – allowed 2 hours
    - Exams are closed booked
  - What is required and what to study
  - FCIA Manual of Practice
  - Problem solve
  - Understanding firestop concepts
FM Global

- Tests can administered in person or remotely
- Tests can be given by a proctor
- All test materials submitted back to FM Approvals
## FM Approved Contractors

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Growth of the Program

- Approved Firestop Contractors in the following countries:
  - USA
  - United Arab Emirates
  - Qatar
  - Singapore
  - China

- Continuously working with FCIA to promote program and develop new ideas to continue program growth
Thank you.

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