

## EIFS BRIEFS

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## Calendar

***Florida Wall and Ceiling Contractors Association Annual Convention***  
July 12-13, 2019  
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

***DOE Energy Exchange and Better Buildings Summit***  
July 10-11, 2019  
Arlington, VA

***AWCI'S Industry Executives' Conference and Committee Meetings***  
September 24-27, 2019  
Honolulu, HI

## EIMA TAKES TEXAS BACK IN MAJOR VICTORY

Texas Governor Greg Abbott officially signed H.B. 2439 into law on June 14, 2019. This legislation, which received overwhelming bipartisan support in both the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate, prohibits local governments in Texas from mandating the use of only specific products, and it will allow the use of products and materials permitted in current national building codes. The law now goes into effect on September 1, 2019.

For the better part of a decade, EIMA had been working on a case-by-case basis on EIFS prohibitions and restrictions in Texas as they came to the association's attention. On multiple occasions, EIMA offered to its local allies educational services, tools and advice on how to combat ordinances, and gathered information on efforts by other competing interest which favored a limiting the number of building materials and products.

In early 2019, after a great deal of research and study on the situation in Texas, EIMA launched the "Take Back Texas" initiative to overturn the 220 plus restrictions against the usage of EIFS. One of the steps of the initiative was to partner with other interested parties, which is where the big break occurred.



Shortly after the initiative launched during the 2019 EIMA Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas, EIMA became an active participant in a coalition seeking to overturn all of these prohibitive codes and ordinances in a sweeping manner. The effort included the Texas Association of Builders, Safe Building Materials Association of Texas, and many other leaders in the building industry. The coalition's efforts led to the introduction of H.B. 2439 by Rep. Phelan in the Texas House of Representatives, which was filed on February 25, 2019.

"This is one of the single biggest victories our industry has seen in years," said EIMA President Peter Daechsel, who is a Manager of BASF Wall Systems. "Thanks to a large effort from several in

the construction and building industry, the 220 plus restrictions against our industry are no more."

The bi-partisan legislation was approved by an overwhelming vote of 124-21-2 in the Texas House of Representatives, and an equally significant margin of 24-5 in the Texas Senate.

Texas represented one of the many areas that EIMA has been spending resources to overturn restrictive ordinances against the EIFS industry.

## CONTRACTOR COMMITTEE SET TO LAUNCH

With so many issues facing today's contractors, EIMA is set to launch an action plan that will include a more active committee designed to assist this portion of the membership. For the fourth year in a row, contractors who attended the EIMA Annual Meeting were invited to a breakfast to allow them to discuss any and all topics on their mind.

As part of a follow-up, Sarah Aird-Nichols (Contractor Committee Chair and Contractor Member of the EIMA Board of Directors) is requesting all contractors interested in participating further to join the Contractor Committee for an upcoming conference call.

If you are a contractor member of EIMA and want to join a

conference call to discuss this committee, please email Scott Robinson at [srobinson@eima.com](mailto:srobinson@eima.com).

The first Contractor Committee conference call is going to be scheduled for late July and will include a look at some goals for the remainder of 2019.

## IMPACT RESISTANT EIFS GUIDE RELEASED

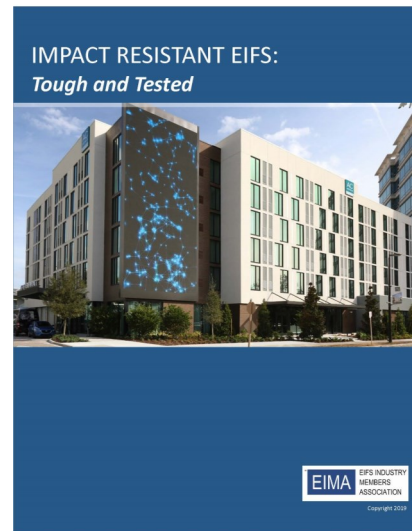
On May 16, *Impact Resistant EIFS: Tough and Tested* (a free-complimentary guide) was released in the EIMA bookstore. The brand new publication highlights the overall sustainability, resiliency, and durability of EIFS.

"An EIFS industry sponsored guide to demonstrate how durability can be achieved with EIFS was needed greatly by the design profession. I commend the EIMA Technical and Research Steering Committee for making this publi-

cation a priority," said EIMA President Peter Daechsel, who is a Manager of BASF Wall Systems.

To get your complimentary copy of the "Impact Resistant EIFS" durability guide, please go to the online EIMA Bookstore at [www.eima.com/bookstore](http://www.eima.com/bookstore)

EIMA members are encouraged to share the publication with colleagues and others in the EIFS industry.



## ENERGY CODE HEARINGS PRODUCE SMALL INCREASES IN EFFICIENCY

The International Code Council's Group B Committee Action Hearings were held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on April 28 - May 8. Included in Group B are the International Energy Conservation Code (commercial) and the International Energy Conservation

Code (residential). Some significant proposals regarding energy efficiency requirements are advancing in the commercial code. This is not true with the residential code, however, as homebuilders struggle to find energy savings in the currently favored designs .

The EIMA Technical Committee will review about a half dozen of these proposals and will prepare comments on them if necessary. The deadline for comments is July 24.

## ASHRAE TAKES BIG STRIDES IN FINALIZING 90.1—2019

The ASHRAE 90.1 Standing Standard Project Committee (SSPC) met in conjunction with the 2019 ASHRAE Convention in Kansas City on June 21 – 26. The SSPC is the custodian for ASHRAE Standard 90.1, Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings.

The committee accelerated its work schedule to accommodate a goal of publishing ASHRAE Standard 90.1 – 2019 before the International

Code Council's Public Comment Hearings in Las Vegas on October 23 – 30. This issuance will enable ASHRAE representatives to use the approved final version of 90.1 as the basis for improving the provisions in the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).

The primary tasks at this meeting were to review current addenda changes and objections to those changes, review and finalize interpreta-

tions to 90.1, and resolve objections to proposed revisions to the overall 90.1 Standard.

ASHRAE is a global society advancing human well-being through sustainable technology for the built environment, and its name is the former acronym for what was the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-conditioning Engineers.

## EIMA ATTENDS TLPCA TRADE SHOW & CONVENTION IN GALVESTON

Thanks in large part to the membership of the Texas Lathing and Plastering Contractors Association (TLPCA), EIMA had a large network of active individuals ready to assist during the recent Texas legislative session that resulted in the passing of H.B. 2439 being signed into law. During the beginning of the legislative process, EIMA was invited to attend and make a

presentation at the 2019 TLPCA Trade Show and Convention.

On behalf of EIMA, Scott Robinson, Director of Public Affairs, attended to provide an update on initiatives and efforts in Texas and across the United States to further promote EIFS. The presentation highlighted efforts to remove restrictions against

its members, going after the residential market, and the labor challenges many are facing.

The entire TLPCA should be commended for their hard work and dedication during the recent legislative session, that resulted in the passing of H.B. 2439

## NEW YORK BUILDING CODE REVISION PROCESS PAUSES

Although the revision of the New York City building code is not completed, the consideration of the matter of whether foam insulation or plastic accessories can be used on the exterior of buildings has taken a pause. In early June, representatives from the American Chemistry Council (ACC), BASF, Dow and EIMA met with the leadership of the

New York City Construction Requirements and Materials (CRM) Committee to discuss the issues that are creating the impasse between the two sides. One of these issues is the idea for fire blocking that the CRM leadership has offered; however, both the design and placement of the fire blocking ideas that were reviewed by the ACC allies

are unworkable due to their inconstructability. The CRM leadership is looking at ACC's post-meeting comments for the next several weeks. If CRM rejects the comments, the two sides will enter mediation. It is not known when and if this will take place.

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