

## MCRMA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

## Introduction

The Metal Cladding and Roofing Manufacturers Association (MCRMA) represents, promotes and defends the interests of system manufacturers, component suppliers, system installers, independent roofing and cladding inspectors and industry support services suppliers who provide products, systems and services within the non-domestic metal roof and wall market sector.

MCRMA membership is open only to those companies who operate and comply with the requirements of the MCRMA Membership Charter; a Charter which reflects and underpins the philosophy and principles of the leading manufacturers, component suppliers and industry consultants whose products and systems are associated with the construction of the building envelope.

As the voice of the industry, MCRMA works closely with a variety of industry bodies and standards committees to develop building envelope solutions and to disseminate best practice across a variety of industry sectors.

MCRMA members are regarded as the premier suppliers of goods and services to the nondomestic building envelope sector and are known for their ability to speak with authority, have a full and unequalled knowledge of their business sector and without doubt offer reliability to their customers.

If you share this philosophy then we would be delighted to hear from you!

## The key benefits of membership are

Alignment with Collective Trademark

The MCRMA logo and strap line 'The Building Envelope Authority' is a registered collective trademark, which differentiates members from non-members. The registered collective trademark, which is regulated by UK Government, Intellectual Property Office and can be used by member companies on business communication material.

Alignment with Membership Charter

All members of the MCRMA are required to align and comply with a robust and demanding membership charter that covers technical ethos, environmental ethics and health and safety regulations. The charter requires companies to be accredited to EN ISO 9001 and also requires members to maintain insurance appropriate to their business including Product Liability Insurance, Professional Indemnity Insurance cover, or similar cover.

Access to training courses

MCRMA maintains that having appropriately trained and qualified staff ensures commitment to the industry and people we serve during the supply and installation process. To this end the MCRMA developed an initial three-day training programme covering theory and practice for new and developing staff members. System installer members also have access to supported NVQ training at Dudley College of Technology and its associated site at Waltham Forest. To this end, MCRMA supports the availability of level 2 NVQ diploma in roofing sheeting and cladding and level 2 NVQ in cladding occupations.

- Technical guidance notes for the use of specifiers and practitioners on topics connected with the use of construction products within the metal building envelope in the non-domestic sector.
- The Association holds scheduled technical conferences for member companies where pertinent and important industry topics are explored in depth with industry experts and professional organisations.
- Quarterly members' meetings to update members on key industry issues and an opportunity to discuss specific technical and industry matters.
- Speakers from industry on topics relevant to non-domestic construction and the issues associated with it for example, statistics, materials and coating technology, sustainability, specifications, legislation, regulation and general industry matters.
- Membership of the Construction Products Association (CPA) which provides members with the opportunity to receive first-hand knowledge and offer input into MHCLG and the associated links with BuildUK and CIC.

The CPA also has direct links with NHBC, BRAC, BRE and NBS plus others who are involved with the construction industry and the development of projects covering BIM, smart technology etc.

The CPA also provides industry with the opportunity for input/output on matters such as sustainability and industry led economic forecasts.

- Membership of the Advisory Committee for Roof Safety (ACR) which includes other key construction industry associations and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).
  This forum is a body dedicated to making working on roofs safer.
- Whole industry statistics and trends issued to members on an annual basis.
- Individual technical committees focused on specific industry sectors for example, rainscreen, safety lines and sustainability.
- Direct input into British Standard and International drafting committees covering, amongst others:
  - > BS 5427 Code of Practice for roof and wall covering
  - CEN TC 128 SC7
  - BS EN 14782 harmonised standard
  - > BS EN 14509 harmonised standard

## **Services for members**

- Modern interactive and regularly updated web site which features a profile page for each member with direct links to each member company's own web site.
- Technical publications, guidance documents and construction details downloadable from the web site.
- Regular feature articles published in industry journals which are available for download from the web site.
- Projects and case studies from member companies published on the web sites.
- Weekly eNEWS to update members on the topical news of the work.
- Dedicated technical hot line for specifiers and contractors.
- Marketing to specifiers and architects.

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