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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT FOR SPRAYED FIRE-RESISTANT MATERIAL APPLICATORS

This notice is to inform you of a significant development that may impact professionals and businesses involved in the application of sprayed fire-resistant material (SFRMs) in the State of Illinois. *"Sprayed fire-resistant material" means a cementitious or fibrous material that is applied onto a steel structure through a spray process to provide fire-resistant protection to the steel structure.*

Beginning July 1, 2026, under the Illinois Sprayed Fire-Resistant Material Applicator Act (425 ILCS 75), individuals who apply sprayed fire-resistant materials onto steel structures must be registered with the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). This legislation was enacted to ensure that fire-resistive materials are applied safely and properly, enhancing the integrity and fire resistance of structural components in buildings throughout Illinois.

Key Highlights of the Law:

- **Mandatory Registration:** Anyone applying SFRMs in Illinois must hold a valid registration issued by the OSFM.
- **Training Requirements:** Applicants must show proof of one of the following:
 - A certificate of completion for a plasterer apprenticeship from the U.S. Department of Labor or a recognized State Apprenticeship Agency; or
 - An affirmative statement that the individual has at least eight hours of training in the application of SFRM, including on the job training, classroom training, or a combination thereof. The statement shall be signed by the individual and the individual's employer or instructor; or
 - Documentation of any other training or certification, approved by the Office, that is determined by the Office to be equivalent to the above.
- **Age Requirement:** All registrants must be 18 years of age or older.
- **Fees:** The initial three-year registration fee is \$75.

This law has direct implications for general contractors, fireproofing subcontractors, and any tradesperson engaged in structural fireproofing. If you or your team are involved in these applications, we urge you to take immediate steps to ensure compliance.

What You Can Do:

Review the official guidelines and application forms available on the OSFM website <https://sfm.illinois.gov/iam/business/sprayed-fire-resistant-materials-applicators.html>.

- Assess the registration status of all individuals applying SFRMs.
- Schedule or document any required training sessions.
- Begin the registration process as soon as possible to avoid delays or penalties. We will begin processing registrations in March 2026. Registrations processed before July 1, 2026, will be valid July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

We encourage you to share this information with your networks, colleagues, and subcontractors to promote safety and regulatory compliance across the industry.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office at SFM.SFRMA@illinois.gov should you have any questions or need further assistance.