

New Partnership Helps Advance the HVACR Industry in BC

July 13, 2020 - The Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI) has launched an exclusive new strategic partnership with FortisBC to bring more technician training to the HVACR industry in British Columbia.

With financial support from FortisBC and delivery through their *BUILT better and Trade Ally Network* programs, HRAI is expanding industry training in British Columbia with the shared goal to provide the industry with resources to build better performing, and safer homes and commercial buildings.

British Columbia is a consistent leader in Canada when it comes to implementing policies and strategies to address climate change. This new partnership between HRAI and FortisBC helps key industry stakeholders and local governments to realize bold climate goals through the built environment.

As the leading non-profit association for the HVACR industry in Canada, HRAI deals with wide-ranging challenges from coast to coast. Strategic partnerships like this help us meet the needs of members locally while also supporting the advancement of the industry nationally - particularly in BC where bold climate goals are driving an upswing of modern heating and cooling technologies.

- Sandy MacLeod, President and CEO, HRAI.

FortisBC is pleased to partner with HRAI to bring even more information, tools and training to the HVACR industry in British Columbia. Through the BUILT better program, we're helping to raise the bar on new and existing high-performance buildings and the quality installations of high performance natural gas appliances.

- Stephanie Yen, Product and Services Marketing Manager, Fortis BC

In addition to HRAI core courses, training offerings will include a new course developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, focused on health and safety, precautions to mitigate risk, and strategies to talk with customers about home comfort and indoor air quality.

HRAI members, along with FortisBC's *Trade Ally Network* program, work behind the scenes to ensure Canadians are comfortable and safe in their homes and workplaces. During the current COVID-19 pandemic, members have played an important role in delivering essential services ensuring that indoor comfort and air distribution systems, building controls, refrigeration systems and other mechanical elements in buildings operate effectively in hospitals and health care settings, in food processing, storage and preservation, and in residential and commercial heating and cooling applications.

For more information about HRAI, visit the HRAI website: www.hrai.ca

Training courses are available exclusively through Fortis BC. To learn more visit: fortisbc.com or email tradeallynetwork@fortisbc.com.