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BEC + GPAD in 2021 at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas

NGA co-locates two premium conferences connecting glazing contractors and glass fabricators for education.

Vienna, VA (June 1, 2020) – The National Glass Association announces the co-location of two solutions-focused educational events in 2021, the *Building Envelope Contractors (BEC) Conference* for glazing contractors—celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2021—and *Glass Processing Automation Days (GPAD)* for glass fabricators focused on improving their production capabilities.

“Both BEC Conference and GPAD have strong, successful legacies and loyal attendees,” says NGA president & CEO Nicole Harris. “This is more than a co-location; it’s an opportunity for two important segments of our supply chain to get together in a new, collaborative and mutually-beneficial way.”

Each event will retain its traditional timing and programming focus, with a one-day overlap *bridging* both audiences and bringing them together for an industry economic forecast and motivational speaker. The BEC Conference will take place March 21 through 23 and GPAD March 23 through 25; March 23 is the “bridge” day for both audiences.

NGA’s Building Envelope Contractors (BEC) Conference is geared primarily to glazing contractors and combines educational presentations and tabletop displays. A meeting of the NGA’s Installing Committee is also on the agenda.

Glass Processing Automation Days (GPAD) features include breakout sessions with technical experts from leading production and technology solution providers. Founded by FeneTech Inc. in 2014 and now under NGA’s event umbrella, the event will expand the fabricator attendee audience and be open to more suppliers wishing to participate in the event. FeneTech will continue to be involved in GPAD as a “Founding Partner.”

More information on BEC Conference and GPAD can be found [here](#).

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ABOUT NGA

Founded in 1948, the National Glass Association (NGA), www.glass.org, combined with the Glass Association of North America (GANA) on February 1, 2018 to form the largest trade association serving the architectural glass and metals industry supply chain, including glazing contractors, full-service glass companies, glass fabricators, primary glass manufacturers and suppliers to the industry. It is a technical powerhouse that brings some of the best minds to the table to create [technical resources](#) and promote and [advocate](#) for glass in buildings. NGA’s [education and training resources](#)—including MyGlassClass.com—and its official publications [Glass Magazine](#) and [Window + Door](#), keep the industry knowledgeable and well informed. NGA also produces the industry’s largest annual trade show in the Americas, [GlassBuild America](#), and hosts these [conferences](#): NGA Glass Conference, Building Envelope Contractors (BEC) Conference, Glazing Executives Forum, and GPAD (Glass Processing Automation Days). NGA also has [The NGA Foundation](#) for training the industry and educating consumers about the many ways glass and glazing contribute to a safe, healthy, sustainable and inspiring built environment.