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Press Release



Senator Carper Visits B.F. Rich Windows & Doors

B.F. Rich hosts a plant tour and round table discussion for U.S. Senator Tom Carper of Delaware

Newark, DE, December 23, 2011: On Monday, Dec. 19th, B.F. Rich hosted a plant tour and round table discussion with U.S. Senator Tom Carper. During the tour Senator Carper was introduced to green window manufacturing processes and highly efficient R-5 window technology. As a recognized *Top Seller* in the Department of Energy's R-5 High Performance Windows Volume Purchase Program, B.F. Rich highlighted their success in the DOE's program and asked Senator Carper for a commitment to support for the DOE "Net Zero Energy Mandate" with his Washington Colleagues on both sides of the isle.

Darryl Huber, Division Manager for Architectural and Commercial Projects, pointed out the important role the High Performance Windows Volume Purchase Program plays in the pursuit of net zero homes in America. Huber added, "R-5 window technology is an important intermediate step in our nation's goal to achieve R-10 performance by the year 2020. Increased demand for R-5 windows today will help drive the technology curve to attain the R-10 goal tomorrow."

During the roundtable portion of the visit, Senator Carper participated in discussions on many topics including: window energy conservation, manufacturing jobs, EPA Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Law outlining its effect on the window and door industry, and the proposed *Cut Energy Bills at Home Act* legislation (Bill S.1914) for energy tax credits.

"BF Rich is one example showing us that business can thrive and support energy efficiency initiatives at the same time," said U.S. Sen. Tom Carper. "Through the manufacturing of innovative energy efficient windows, this company will help its customers decrease their energy usage and their bottom line. This is what I like to call a win-win for business and the environment."

George Simmons, President/CEO at B.F. Rich, said Senator Carper was very interested and concerned about the challenges facing our industry and the immediate job situation. Simmons emphasis to the Senator, "The challenges we face are not just B.F. Rich challenges; they are national challenges that include our vendors as well as our competitors. We need Congress to work together to address these challenges in a bi-partisan manner."

As a follow-up to the visit, future discussions are planned for details on the energy tax credit Bill S.1914.

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