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Don't Let Your 2009 Federal Tax Cuts Fly Out the Window

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Panorama® Window Film Installations Eligible Under Emergency Economic Stabilization Act

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For homeowners and businesses looking to make energy-saving enhancements this year, a little tax relief has arrived. Under an extension of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, homeowners who install Panorama window film on their windows and glass doors are eligible for a credit of 10% of the cost, up to \$500.

Window film, considered an insulation material under the Act, offers proven energy-related benefits, including:

- * Cost-effectively improving energy efficiency, helping to realize up to 30% in energy savings
- * Decreasing carbon emissions by reducing the load on fuel-driven HVAC systems
- * Improving homeowner's ability to harness sunlight (daylighting), thus reducing the need for electricity
- * Dramatically improving ROI on other energy-saving technologies, including lighting and refrigeration

To receive the residential tax credit for Panorama window film, consumers simply need to provide the following:

- * IRS tax Form 5695 - Residential Energy Credits (reference Part 1, 2a)
- * Copy of official invoice from installation occurring in 2009
- * Copy of Panorama manufacturer's certification statement (obtained through the installing dealer or on the Panorama Window Film website)

For commercial property owners, the deduction is available under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct), which has been extended for commercial buildings through 2013. The deduction equals the cost of the energy-efficient improvement, with a maximum deduction of \$1.80 per square foot. Window film is an ideal complement to other energy-saving products; it helps building owners meet energy-saving requirements and yields greater return on investment. For more information on tax deductions for commercial properties, visit the Department of Energy - Additional Tax Breaks.

"Businesses and homeowners are seeking new ways to reduce energy-consumption and make sensible improvements to their property - and window film will make a significant impact," explains Kathryn Giblin, Vice President of Marketing, Bekaert Specialty Films, manufacturer of Panorama window film. "Our film is backed by years of research, offers the greatest warranties in the industry, and is installed by highly-trained specialists. Given the tax credits available to consumers in 2009, window film should top the list for anyone wishing to reduce their carbon footprint."

In addition to significantly improving energy costs and enhancing comfort, Panorama window film, available in shades virtually undetectable to the naked eye, offers numerous benefits, including:

- * Rejection of 99% of damaging UV rays, reducing fading on furniture and protecting individuals from premature aging, skin cancer and the damaging effects of the sun
- * Reduction of heat pockets and elimination of glare
- * Improved safety - window film holds glass together upon impact, keeping occupants safe and deterring theft

Panorama window film is made in the USA by Bekaert Specialty Films, the only window film company to demonstrate its long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship with a certified carbon footprint through California Climate Action Registry.

About Panorama®

Bekaert Specialty Films LLC., www.bekaertfilms.com is a global leader in the development, manufacture and distribution of specialty films for use as solar control and safety window films, and for industrial applications. Window film is used for vehicles and buildings to keep out the sun's heat, filter out ultraviolet radiation and hold glass together in the event of breakage. Bekaert Specialty Films delivers solutions for safety, security, glare, energy use and CO2 emission reduction. Distributed through a network of independent certified dealers and distributors in more than 60 countries, Bekaert Specialty Films sells window film under the Solar Gard®, Panorama®, Quantum® and Solar Gard Armorcoat® brands. Bekaert Specialty Films also manufactures industrial films for the electronics, medical, graphic arts and imaging, automotive and aerospace industries. Bekaert Specialty Films LLC., is headquartered in San Diego, CA and is a subsidiary of the Bekaert group (Euronext Brussels: BEKB), a €3.4 billion, more than \$5 billion, specialized technology company headquartered in Belgium.

More information on Bekaert's professionally installed Panorama® window film is available at www.panoramafilm.com. For media inquiries, samples or photography contact bsf@matternow.com.