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John T. Brown Selected as Recipient of 2010 Hotbels BTU Award

The 25th Hotbels Glass Industry Seminar was held in Lexington, Kentucky, USA on April 13th & 14th and featured a number of informative presentations by glass industry suppliers. This year's conference was especially successful in light of the current economic environment; multiple representatives from 31 glass production facilities were in attendance, in addition to attendees from 33 organizations that supply products and services to the glass industry.

One highlight of each Hotbels seminar is the presentation of the BTU (Business and Technology United) award. This annual award was established in 2007 in order to recognize an individual who has contributed to the evolution of Hotbels and the education of the glass industry.

This year's BTU award was presented to John T. Brown. John joined Corning Inc. after graduating from the Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Ceramic Engineering. He later earned an MBA from Syracuse University. In John's 40 year tenure at Corning, he made a significant impact through his work in the Melting Technology Department, the Electronics Products Division, Corporate Development and Research Department. In 2002, John joined the Glass Manufacturing Industry Council (GMIC) as Technical Director. The GMIC is a glass industry association whose mission is to develop new technology and enhancements to continually improve overall glass industry productivity and environmental responsibility.

John has written more than 50 papers in various glass subject areas and holds 18 patents. He was also honored with the Phoenix Award in 2003.



John Brown – 2010 BTU Award Recipient:
*Left to right: Tom Graham – Hotwork-USA,
George Kopsler – Hotwork-USA,
John Brown – GMIC, Bob Chambers – Fosbel*



BTU Award Recipients:
*Left to right: Phil Ross (2007), John Brown (2010),
Mike Nelson (2008) and Doug Davis (2009)*

John was chosen to receive the 2010 BTU for his contributions to the glass industry and also to Hotbels, where he has authored and delivered many informative presentations over the years. He joins a distinguished group of previous BTU recipients including:

- 2007: C. Philip Ross, Glass Industry Consulting International
- 2008: Michael A. Nelson, Corhart Refractories
- 2009: Dr. Douglas H. Davis, Toledo Engineering Company (TECO)

About Hotbels: The Hotbels Glass Industry Seminar is sponsored by Hotwork-USA and Fosbel and is held in Lexington, Kentucky in April each year. The seminar consists of two days of presentations and activities that provide a forum for sharing innovations in engineering and technology throughout the glass industry. The BTU (Business & Technology United) award was established by the Hotbels Seminar Committee to recognize key contributors to Hotbels and the glass industry. The award was first presented in 2007 and is now presented each year at the Hotbels Seminar. To learn more about Hotbels and the BTU Award, visit www.hotbels.com, or contact Hotwork or Fosbel via email at Hotwork@hotwork.com or Fosbel.inc@fosbel.com.