

A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a dark blue polo shirt with a 'PRESS-BLAST' logo and orange safety sleeves, stands in a large glass manufacturing facility. He is leaning on a large, clear glass pane that reflects his image. The background shows industrial equipment, including a yellow robotic arm and large fans, under bright overhead lights. A 'HEGLA' logo is visible on a machine to the left.

**NEW** in 2026:

# GFAFB<sup>TM</sup> NGA Glass Fabricator Conference

April 26-29, 2026

Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel,  
Chicago



# GFAB Radisson Blu Chicago



# GFAB Event Goals

- Create a **new event** that builds on the **strengths** of NGA's existing fabricator conferences (NGA Glass Conference and GPAD), with **higher attendance** and more **fabricators of all sizes**
- Draw **Executives, Technical Leaders, and Production Personnel** for in-person education
- Create **1:1 direct networking** between fabricators and their key suppliers
- Elevate **NGA advocacy and technical** activities

# GFAB NGA's Strategic Goals

- **Educate**

GFAB's program is being designed to help glass fabricators build stronger, safer, more profitable companies.

- **Advocate**

NGA's essential advocacy and technical work continues at GFAB.

- **Workforce Development**

NGA introduces in-person, hands-on learning at GFAB.

# GFAB Event Overview

- GFAB will **replace NGA Glass Conference** held in the winter
- **If you are at NGA Glass Conference, you belong at GFAB**
- So, we will see you April 26-29, 2026  
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# GFAB Event Overview

## **You belong at GFAB, if:**

- You are a glass fabricator
- You are a supplier partner
- You are an executive/decision maker
- You are a glass industry technical, engineering leader
- You are on the glass plant production floor (manager, quality control, maintenance, etc.)

# GFAB Event Overview

## Three Tracks for Targeted Education and Programming

- Executive Track
- Technical Track  
(NGA Glass Conference Track)
- Workshop Track



# GFAB Executive Track

**High-level, industry-specific programming  
for execs, VPs, strategic leaders**  
*Space is limited*

- Construction forecast, economic updates
- Eye on technology and automation
- Glass design and market trends
- State of the glass industry
- Building your workforce
- Speakers will include: experts in manufacturing, construction economists, high-profile architects, leaders in recruitment and workforce development, and more
- Targeted networking opportunities for executives



# GFAB Technical Track

**More traditional NGA Glass Conference programming for Committee volunteers, glass technical leaders, suppliers, and more.**

- Meetings for NGA's Fabricating, Forming and Advocacy Committees
- Updates on code, standard, and regulatory changes that will impact your companies
- Technical discussions about key glass fabrication issues
- Presentations about advancements in fabrication technologies, processes

# GFAB Workshop Track

**Tempering workshop and production-focused education for plant personnel. Offsite, at Skyline Design's Chicago fabrication facility. *Space is limited.***

- Focus on glass tempering—common challenges, best practices, quality control, etc.
- Interactive, hands-on learning in an in-person factory environment
- Valuable production-focused educational programming for attendees
- Education on equipment advancements and automation solutions, quality control tools, maintenance considerations, and more
- Content to help fabricators improve quality, increase profits and productivity, reduce rejects and downtime

# GFAB Skyline Design





# GFAB Program for All Attendees

**GFAB will bring together attendees from all tracks for numerous conference-wide networking opportunities and events.**

- GFAB Lab - Networking area, with hands-on activities, table-top exhibits and interactive games/contests
- Glass factory tour
- Fun run/walk
- NGA Volunteer Award reception and dinner
- Off-site networking
- Conference breakfast, lunch

Sunday, April 26	Monday, April 27		Tuesday, April 28	Wednesday, April 29
	Executive Track Program	<div> <div>All Attendees</div> <div>GFAB Lab – Tabletop networking interactive zone</div> </div>	<div> <div>Technical Track Program</div> <div> <div>All Attendees</div> <div>GFAB Lab – Tabletop networking interactive zone</div> </div> <div>Workshop Track (offsite – Skyline Design)</div> </div> <div>All Attendees Glass Factory Tour (offsite - Skyline)</div> <div>All Attendees Networking Event (offsite)</div>	Technical Track Program
Executive Track Welcome Reception	All Attendees NGA Award Reception and Dinner			

*\*Schedule outline as of Sept. 2025. Subject to change.*

# GFAB FAQs

## Is GPAD still happening? What about the winter NGA Glass Conference?

- *No. GFAB will replace GPAD and the winter NGA Glass Conference, bringing together the strengths of these two events while adding additional education, programming and networking opportunities that stakeholders have been seeking.*
- *In other words:  
See you in Chicago, April 26-29*



# GFAB FAQs

## Can I attend more than one Track?

- *It depends.*
- **Executive Track** + **Technical Track**  
– YES (space is limited for Executive Track)
- **Executive Track** + **Workshop Track**  
– YES (space is limited for both tracks)
- **Technical Track** + **Workshop Track**  
– MAYBE. Committee work will be ongoing during the Workshop Track. We strongly encourage companies to send plant personnel to the Workshop.

# GFAB FAQs

## Are you looking for sponsorships?

- Yes!
- *Scan the QR code to check out the Sponsorship Prospectus*





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