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The Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) Announces KBISThink

A new show floor activation brings NKBA Specialty Badge, Living In Place Institute and Lightovation programming to the KBIS NeXT Experience – South Hall

(Alpharetta, Ga.) – November 26, 2019 – The Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) is pleased to announce the newest educational programming – on the show floor – for ALL kitchen and bath industry professionals. KBISThink, hosted in the KBISNeXT Experience – South Hall – S-107, S-113 and S-114, offers any and all industry professionals the opportunity to tune up their knowledge base. Areas of focus include:

NKBA Specialty Badge Prep and Test Sessions
Showcase for Living In Place Talks and Events
Lightovation Lounge Presentations

NKBA Specialty Badge Prep and Test Sessions – LVCC KBISThink #S107 South Hall

Do you want to learn about sustainability, cabinetry or remodeling? Are you an NKBA member? If yes, the NKBA Specialty Badge program is for you. These are “all-industry” badges meaning any NKBA member may participate to earn a specialty badge.

Launched in 2019, a short list of NKBA Specialty Badges will be featured at KBIS 2020. The Association will be conducting 45-minute test preparation sessions for the – Sustainability, Cabinetry and Remodeling badges – followed by a one-hour exam. There will be a break before the exam. Seating is limited.

Sustainability Specialty Badge Tuesday, January 21 (1:00 PM - 3:00 PM)
Cabinetry Specialty Badge Wednesday, January 22 (1:00PM - 3:00PM)
Remodeling Specialty Badge Thursday, January 23 (10:00AM - 12:00PM)

To participate in a session, NKBA member attendees must purchase the badge study materials prior to KBIS 2020. Purchase your study materials now at a $50 savings. Purchase includes access to study material including NKBA Knowledge Base access for one full year and a customized study guide. To learn more and to register, www.kbis.com/think.
Showcase for Living In Place Talks and Events – LVCC KBISThink #S114 South Hall

The Living In Place Institute is hosting 25+ of talks, roundtables, tours and experiential events to educate all kitchen and bath industry professionals on the benefits of designing safe, secure and beautiful homes for all persons - whether aged 8 or 80. Presented by a mix of Certified Living in Place Professional (CLIPP) graduates, Erik Listou and Louie Delaware – co-founders of the Living In Place Institute - the topics include:

- Bathroom Designs for Living in Place
- Living in Place...The Solution (not Aging in Place or Universal Design)
- Understanding the Certified Living in Place Professional (CLIPP) Designation and Experiential Events
- Living In Place is Relevant for Your Business
- Working with Living In Place Veterans

Additionally, CLIPP classes will be offered before and after KBIS for professionals wishing to leverage their KBIS experience to get certified. To learn more, [www.kbis.com/think](http://www.kbis.com/think).

Lightovation Lounge Presentations – LVCC KBISThink #S113 South Hall

Developed by the Dallas Market Center Lightovation team, the American Lighting Association and other lighting experts, this series of presentations and panel discussions addresses the rapidly growing and changing world of lighting and its impact on residential design. Join speakers like Joe Rey-Barreau, AIA, IES – associate professor in the School of Interiors at the University of Kentucky’s College of Design; Julie Jacobson, founding editor of CEPRO magazine; Scott Koehler, Dream Kitchen Builders; and Adam Kuhn, training manager, Samsung Appliances as they navigate the ins and outs lighting design, products, integration and guidelines. The program lineup includes:

- Fundamentals of LED Lighting
- Design Guidelines for Kitchen Lighting
- The State of the Smart Home
- Fundamentals of Residential Lighting
- Design Guidelines for Bath Lighting
- Lighting, Biophilia and Wellness Opportunities
- Specialty and Accent LED Lighting Applications for Kitchens and Baths

For timing and the complete schedule, [www.kbis.com/think](http://www.kbis.com/think).
“We are pleased to bring this additional educational programming to the KBIS show floor,” said Amy Hornby, show director, KBIS. “It’s important that our all-industry event bring learning opportunities for all kitchen and bath professionals. We have no doubt that a number of showroom, manufacturer and industry pro’s will find value in the KBISThink offerings.”

Register now for KBIS to participate in these programs.

About KBIS
KBIS, in conjunction with the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA), is an inspiring, interactive platform that showcases the latest industry products, trends and technologies. KBIS is the voice of the kitchen and bath industry and has been for 50+ years.

In 2013, the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) and National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) announced an agreement to co-locate the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) with the International Builders’ Show (IBS) in Las Vegas, Nev. in February 2014 under the banner of Design and Construction Week®. In 2018, both organizations extended the agreement through 2026. The mega-event returns to Las Vegas Jan. 21-23, 2020. NKBA and NAHB will continue to produce separate educational programming and special events though one pass provides access to both shows.

KBIS is produced by Emerald Expositions, a leading operator of business-to-business trade shows in the United States. The company currently operates more than 55 trade shows, as well as numerous other face-to-face events. In 2018, Emerald’s events connected over 500,000 global attendees and exhibitors and occupied more than 6.9 million NSF of exhibition space.

More information about KBIS can be found at www.kbis.com.

About the National Kitchen & Bath Association and the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show
The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) is the not-for-profit trade association that owns the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show® (KBIS), as part of Design and Construction Week® (DCW). With nearly 50,000 members in all segments of the kitchen and bath design and remodeling industry, the NKBA has educated and led the industry since the association’s founding in 1963. The NKBA envisions a world where everyone enjoys safe, beautiful and functional kitchen and bath spaces. The mission of the NKBA is to inspire, lead and empower the kitchen and bath industry through the creations of certifications, specialty badges, marketplaces and networks. For more information, visit www.nkba.org or call 1-800-THE-NKBA (843-6522).

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