# G3: Industry insiders talk glass

# What products and services have been most in demand at your company over the past six months?

### commercial

# Diana San Diego director of marketing.

Safti First Fire Rated Glazing Solutions, San Francisco We've seen dramatic growth in sales of our SuperLite II-XL-45 because it offers both value



San Diego

and performance. Given an atmosphere of tightening budgets, especially on school and health care projects, architects, specifiers and contract glaziers are realizing that they need to expand their project dollars while still meeting design and code requirements. Demand and use of SuperLite II-XL 45 has grown, because it offers radiant heat protection, sound attenuation, impact safety, hose stream compliance,

optical clarity and other performance characteristics at a better value than any ceramic or wired glass product.

#### retail

## Thad Ziegler chief operations officer Thad Ziegler Glass Ltd., San Antonio

Over the [last] six months, the demand for installing heavy frameless shower enclosures

has stayed strong. With the current economy, it seems people are updating their homes rather than purchasing new ones. Installing a beautiful heavy frameless shower enclosure is a cost-effective way to help upgrade the bathroom and hopefully increase the resale value of the house once the economy strengthens again.

#### fabrication

## Bill Marchitello director of sales and marketing

Prelco Inc., Montreal Prelco's product that is in most demand is certainly ceramic frit painted glass. Architects, engineers and



Marchitello

designers have grown this market to where we see this decorative type of glass on a high percentage of buildings, in the interior, and now on the exterior. Various colors and custom patterns are continuously being specified on a large number of jobs, not only because of the decorative reasons but because of the improved performance data. You can increase the shading coefficient substantially by combining patterns and color. [3]



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