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**Eight Highly Practical Sessions for Designers, Facility Managers, Developers & Architects from One of InfoComm's Top-Rated Educators, Thorburn Associates**



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*Build the Perfect Teaching Station. Advanced Acoustics. Acoustics in Architecture. Intro to Acoustics. Presentation Facility Design and Integration. Videoconferencing from the Camera's Point of View. How to Issue an RFQ/RFP. AV System Integration Issues for Facility Managers.*

These eight educational sessions are available to attendees of InfoComm 08 (June 18-20, Las Vegas Convention Center) courtesy of seasoned acoustic and audiovisual specialist Thorburn Associates (TA), and InfoComm organizer, the International Communications Industry Association (ICIA). Five of the eight sessions will be conducted by TA Principal Steven J. Thorburn PE, CTS-D, CTS-I, who was named ICIA Educator of the Year in 1996. Sign up online in advance at [www.InfoCommShow.org](http://www.InfoCommShow.org).

TA has a longstanding relationship with InfoComm and every year offers a slate of sessions addressing contemporary issues that today's technicians, integrators, designers, facility managers, developers, and architects face every day in the field. "Some of our most popular session topics have arisen from real-world situations we've encountered," explains Thorburn.

"Continuing education has always been a core component of our business structure, both in terms of sharing information with clients and the industry at large, and investing in the ongoing training of our own staff," says TA President Lisa Thorburn. "Education ensures clients are getting the very best service and provides them with the knowledge to make informed decisions."

**About Thorburn Associates Inc.**

Thorburn Associates Inc. (TA) is a professional service firm providing acoustical consulting and technology system engineering and design for the commercial, corporate, leisure, residential and retail industries, and for houses of worship. TA works in both new construction and renovations. TA is an independent consulting firm - not associated with the sale of any specific brand - offering unbiased designs to improve communication and fully realize the functionality of all projects.

Headquartered in Castro Valley, CA, with regional offices in Los Angeles and Raleigh-Durham, NC, TA specializes in highly technological projects. Thorburn Associates has been recognized as one of the leading firms in the acoustical and audiovisual system design industry. In the course of 16 years in business, TA projects have received multiple awards, from the International Communications Industry Association (ICIA-InfoComm), the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the Themed Entertainment Association (TEA). Visit [www.ta-inc.com](http://www.ta-inc.com).

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## Sessions Presented by Thorburn Associates at InfoComm 08

To see full course descriptions and register online, visit [www.InfoCommShow.org](http://www.InfoCommShow.org).

### **Build the Perfect Teaching Station (Session #IS10)**

Presented by Jim Horn, CTS-D, Wed., June 18, 8:00-10:00 am

Learn how to define and build the perfect teaching station for the college and university environment.

### **Introduction to Acoustics (Session # IW1)**

Presented by Steve Thorburn, PE, CTS-D, CTS-I. Wed., June 18, 12:30-4:30 pm

Using the seminar room as a testing lab, you'll learn the basics of acoustics in this hands-on introductory session.

### **Advanced Acoustics (Session #IW4)**

Presented by Steve Thorburn, PE, CTS-D, CTS-I. Thurs., June 19, 8:00am-12:00 noon

This course delves deeper into acoustical issues such as noise and vibration control, absorption and echo control.

### **Presentation Facility Design and Integration (Session # IW6)**

Presented by Derek Meares, CTS-D. Thurs., June 19, 12:30-4:30 pm

Review the major issues to be considered in presentation facility design and integration, including how to determine proper sightlines and seating distances for AV space.

### **AV System Integration Issues for Owners/Facility Managers (Session IS64)**

Presented by Steve Thorburn, PE, CTS-D, CTS-I. Thurs., June 19, 2:30-4:30 pm

This is an introductory to intermediate course for someone new to the AV building process and wondering what issues need to be addressed during a room fit-out.

### **How to Issue an RFQ and RFP for AV Designers and Contractors (Session #IS69)**

Presented by Lisa Thorburn, CTS. Fri., June 20, 8:00-10:00 am

This session will provide you with the road map of how to issue an RFQ (request for qualification) and RFP (request for proposal) for AV system designers and AV system contractors, for both design/bid/build and design/build project delivery methods.

### **Videoconferencing from the Camera's Point of View (Session #IS75)**

Presented by Steve Thorburn, PE, CTS-D, CTS-I. Fri., June 20, 10:30 am-12:00 noon

As videoconferencing and distance learning become more prevalent, those who understand the fundamentals of visual communication, especially "Point of View," stand to be in high demand. Learn to think like a camera operator.

### **Acoustics in Architecture (Session #NW012)**

Presented by Steve Thorburn, PE, CTS-D, CTS-I. Fri., June 20, 12:30-4:30 pm

Gain a greater understanding of the issues that should be addressed when developing the acoustical design of rooms such as a large boardroom, or a 300-seat auditorium/lecture hall.

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