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**2008 BHMA FALL ANNUAL MEETING OPENS NEW STANDARDS AND
REVIEWS CODE DEVELOPMENTS**

***MEMBERS TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF BIM TOOLS ON BUILDERS HARDWARE INDUSTRY***

New York, NY (Oct. 2, 2008) — The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) will hold its Fall Annual Meeting Oct. 13-15 in San Antonio, TX.

BHMA members will gather at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort & Spa to open new standards, receive status updates on existing product standards under revision, and be briefed on developments of the ICC's final code hearings.

The 3-day conference's fast-paced schedule will feature two educational sessions revolving around emerging issues of great interest to construction industry manufacturers, and include technical and committee meetings.

Senior project designer and vice president, Nestor Infanzon, and senior interior designer, Deborah Fuller, of HOK, a global architectural firm, will discuss key, sustainable design systems using LEED as a benchmark on Monday, October 13. Additionally, a demonstration of BIM tools will be presented by a representative of Reed Construction Data who will lead a discussion on the impact that BIM applications are having on the builders hardware industry on Wednesday, October 15.

“The BHMA Fall Meeting is an opportunity for our members to discuss new product standards and revisit existing ones,” said Ralph Vasami, the executive director for BHMA. “Our industry responded immediately to our customers’ interest in sustainable products and practices. Members are also very aware of the ongoing adoption of BIM applications by construction industry architects. With two hot topics on everyone’s minds, it was clear that BHMA members wanted presentations on both.”

Technical committee meetings will be held to review ANSI/BHMA standards on locks, auxiliary locks, butts and hinges, door controls and delayed egress locking systems locks, as well as discuss new product standards for power operated doors, self closing hinges, electromagnetic locks, cabinet locks and gasketing.

BHMA's Codes and Government Affairs Committee as well as the newly formed Sustainability Committees will also meet during the conference.

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About BHMA

The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association is an industry leader in building safety and security. BHMA is the only organization accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to develop and maintain performance standards for locks, closers, exit devices and other builders hardware. The widely known ANSI/BHMA A156 series of standards describes and establishes the features and criteria for specific types of hardware products. In addition, BHMA sponsors third-party certification of hardware products, which is a requirement for a product to bear the "BHMA Certified" mark — insuring that the product meets the ANSI/BHMA standard. For more information on BHMA, please write to BHMA, 355 Lexington Avenue, 15 Floor, New York, NY, 10017 or visit the Web site at www.buildershardware.com.

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