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2010 BHMA WINTER MEETING WILL EXAMINE THE BUILDING HARDWARE INDUSTRY, NEW STANDARDS AND CODE DEVELOPMENT

The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) will hold its Winter Meeting next month in Tampa, FL, to discuss what is in store for the building hardware industry in 2010.

Builders hardware industry leaders will convene for an extended strategic planning session to map priorities for the association in 2010 and finalize BHMA's Action Plan for 2010.

"Company leaders come to the Winter Meeting to develop the strategic initiatives BHMA will take over the next several years.", said Ralph Vasami, BHMA's executive director. "By the end of the session the group will finalize strategic goals and pinpoint the tactics BHMA will employ to achieve them over the coming 12 months."

BHMA's presence in the codes arena and the ongoing efforts of BHMA's technical committees are pivotal to the success of each year's Action Plan. Given BHMA's priorities — and a year of challenges to the construction industry, the Codes and Government Affairs and Technical Standards Committees will meet for all-day working sessions that are scheduled on Tuesday, January 12 and Wednesday, January 13.

The Codes and Government Affairs Committee's session will include a brief update from the November 2009 International Code~~s~~ Council's code~~s~~ development hearings. A schedule of Technical Committee meetings follows with next steps in the revisions of the ANSI/BHMA standards covering bored locks, interconnected locks, mortise locks, multipoint locks, architectural trim, gasketing, lites and louvers, and egress marking. A new product standard for anti-ligature hardware is also scheduled to be opened during the technical sessions.

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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.