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**MATT CHABOT OF NORWOOD HARDWARE IS THE 2008 BHMA AWARD
OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT**

New York, NY (Sept. 4, 2008) —Matt Chabot, AHC, president of Norwood Hardware and Supply in Cincinnati, OH, has been selected by the Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) as its 2008 Award of Excellence recipient.

Now in its 20th year, BHMA presents the Award of Excellence to a distributor or hardware professional who demonstrates excellence in representing the needs of architects, contractors, users and manufacturers.

“Matt is consistently sought out by architects and end users for his high level of expertise on all applications, including access control systems,” said Ralph Vasami, executive director for BHMA. “He has built long-lasting relationships in the architectural community and become a leading specification writer in Cincinnati and northern Kentucky.

“BHMA is proud to recognize industry leaders who are making a difference in the building and construction sector. Matt Chabot is truly deserving of this award,” Vasami added.

When it comes to technology, Chabot’s company is at the forefront of innovation. Chabot has hired a full-time access control system expert to ensure that electro-mechanical products are applied correctly and functioning properly. Norwood Hardware also pre-installs BHMA hardware for general contractors to ensure proper functioning and ease of field installation.

Norwood Hardware opened in 1954 as a hardware store called Norwood Paint and Hardware with an emphasis on door hardware. Through the years, the company expanded opening two other stores and today provides customers a complete opening assembly which includes the door, frame, and hardware. Norwood Hardware was one of the first distributors of steel doors and frames along with wood and plastic laminate doors.

Chabot will be honored during the Door Hardware Institute (DHI) 33rd Annual Conference and Exposition in Boston, MA, in November. BHMA President Helen Rose will present Chabot with the award.

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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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