

BHMA to Focus on Green Energy Issues and New Standards for 2011
Summer Committee Week will review sustainability requirements for builders hardware and integrating new technology for hardware systems

New York, NY — (June 2011) The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) will hold its annual Summer Committee Week at the Marriott Courtyard in Downtown Providence, RI, June 21-23.

BHMA members are continuing discussions on sustainability, a major topic at last year's conference, with sessions this year focusing on the outcomes from the International Green Construction Code (IGCC) hearings, which take place May 16-22. The results of the IGCC meetings could have a significant impact for the builders hardware industry with additional sustainable and energy-efficient requirements needed to meet this new code.

With regard to standard and code development, members are preparing upcoming standards to integrate with the trends in technology. With new innovative design, door hardware is coupled with electronics that can increase security measures or give the user many more options than the conventional locking systems.

"These meetings are especially important for our member companies who are working hard to improve standards for the building and construction community, architects and specifiers," said BHMA's executive director, Ralph Vasami.

Other topics include a review of standards for exit alarms and locks, electric strikes, low power operators, finishes & materials, and new standards for ligature resistant hardware and multipoint locks.

For more information on Summer Committee Week, please contact Tina Cadet at: tcadet@kellencompany.com. 212.297.2127. Click [here](#) to reserve a room at the hotel.

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.