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**BUILDERS HARDWARE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION HOLDS WINTER
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Current Codes Initiatives and BHMA's Standards Programs are Meeting Focus

NEW YORK (January 10, 2012) – [Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association](http://www.buildershardware.com) (BHMA) will host its annual Winter Technical Committee Week on February 1-2, 2012 in Tampa, FL at the Tampa Airport Marriott. Industry leadership will kick off the event on Tuesday, January 31 with a review of the association's strategic plan and the challenges and opportunities anticipated in the year ahead.

Working meetings of both BHMA's Marketing and its Codes and Government Affairs committees bring the respective teams into the same room prior to the back-to-back technical sessions that have historically categorized the "Winter Meeting."

The technical and engineering teams will update on their progress and address their next steps toward the revisions of four standards:

- A156.5 Cylinders
- A156.28 Recommended Practices for Mechanical Keying Systems
- A156.30 High Security Cylinders
- A156.25 Electrified Locks

"BHMA's 2012 Winter Meeting launches this year's standards and codes initiatives," said Ralph Vasami, BHMA Executive Director. "Tight scheduling of the strategic and technical team meetings enables BHMA to compress a week's worth of sessions into three productive days."

The committee developing a new ANSI/BHMA standard, A156.34 for Ligature Resistant Locks, is also scheduled.

For more information on the upcoming Winter Technical Committee Week, please contact David Mastroieni at 212.297.2141 or dmastroieni@kellencompany.com

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.

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