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BHMA HONORS TWO COMPANIES WITH THE 2009 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

New York, NY (Oct. 9, 2009) —The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) has selected three representatives from two companies to receive the BHMA Award of Excellence this year.

Hal Breliant of LaForce Hardware in Green Bay, WI, and Tom Rubright and Bill Trimble of William S. Trimble Co., Inc., in Clinton, TN, were honored with the 2009 BHMA Award of Excellence at the DHI Industry Honors Reception, held at the Gaylord Palms Convention Center in Orlando, FL, Sept. 15.

BHMA presents the award to a distributor or hardware professional who displays the highest level of excellence in representing the needs of architects, contractors, users and manufacturers.

The criteria for this year's award focused on the company's ability to:

- Promote specifications to architects
- Accurately take-off and schedule projects
- Promote high-quality products
- Properly service contractors and end users by understanding the product's attainability, function and intended usage

“BHMA is proud to recognize representatives from two distinguished companies this year,” said Ralph Vasami, executive director for BHMA. “These industry leaders have demonstrated their commitment to providing the highest quality of product and service to the building and construction sector. All three are truly deserving of this award.”

BHMA President Scott Duncan presented the awards to this year's recipients during the Door Hardware Institute (DHI) 34th Annual Conference and Exposition.

William S. Trimble Co., Inc. is a full service supplier of building specialties, including commercial and residential doors and overhead garage doors, hardware and windows,

and other traffic related opening products. The company has been in business since 1936.

LaForce Hardware is a leading distributor of door hardware and manufacturer of custom hollow metal frames and doors for the commercial sector. The company has been serving customers since 1954.

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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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