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**BHMA TO REVIEW STANDARDS AND REVIEW CODE DEVELOPMENTS AT
2009 BHMA FALL ANNUAL MEETING**

Experts from CDA and UL will discuss anti-counterfeiting programs and the antimicrobial properties of copper alloys

New York, NY (Sept. 10, 2009) — The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) will hold their Annual Fall Meeting on Oct. 12-14 in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.

BHMA members will convene at the Marriott Sawgrass for status updates and working sessions focused on eight standards that are in various stages of their revision cycle, and next steps for the three new standards opened in the last year. The technical committees will also open four existing standards for revision during the meeting next month.

“Given the scale of our standards program, the Fall conference will kick-off with a technical meeting followed by our codes and government affairs session,” said Ralph Vasami, BHMA’s executive director. “Our members have come to expect a fast pace of technical and strategic sessions for each of the three days. BHMA’s annual meeting is a combination of working sessions for the standards and codes development teams, and reviews of the year’s accomplishments with a focus on planning for the industry in 2010.”

Speakers at this year’s event include experts from Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., (UL) the independent product safety certification organization that has been testing products and writing standards for safety for more than a century, and the Copper Development Association (CDA) the information, education, market and technical development arm of the copper, brass and bronze industries in the USA.

Bob Jamieson of Underwriters Laboratories will lead a discussion on anti-counterfeiting programs conducted within the builders hardware industry. Jamieson has broad experience as an engineer and project manager in the government and private industry and is currently the director of global commercial operations, building materials at UL.

Andrew Kireta Jr., vice president of building and construction, and Dr. Harold Michels, Sr., vice president of technology and technical services, for CDA have also been asked to present new data on the widely-reported anti-microbial properties of copper and copper alloys, a well-known and long relied upon building material for both residential and commercial construction.

“BHMA adds value for each attendee, and for their company, by bringing in experts focusing on top-of-mind issues in our industry,” Vasami continued.

In addition to the BHMA’s Codes and Government Affairs Committee, the Marketing Committee will review benchmarks from the past year and roll out BHMA’s initiatives for 2010.

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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.