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Three Building Industry Associations Unite to Co-Sponsor Legislative Conference

Chicago- The North American Building Material Distribution Association (NBMDA), the National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association (NLBMDA) and the Window and Door Manufacturers Association (WDMA) are joining forces this March to host a Spring Meeting and Legislative Conference in Washington, DC.

The three organizations are meeting jointly to collectively advance a proactive industry agenda on Capitol Hill and build on existing synergies within their businesses. Together the groups represent thousands of members whose companies provide billions of dollars back to the US economy. Attendees from NBMDA, NLBMDA and WDMA will spend time during the event to discuss legislative and regulatory issues and hear from federal policymakers about current issues impacting the industry.

The event is scheduled for March 15-17, 2010 at the Marriott Washington in Washington, DC and will include visits to Capitol Hill and federal agencies to discuss current housing and building industry issues. Each organization will be holding their individual business meetings and come together for joint Legislative Conference events. The conference will culminate with a reception for members of Congress and their staffs on Capitol Hill.

About NBMDA

NBMDA is a multi-segment trade association representing the leading wholesale distributors of specialty building products and woodworking materials. Membership segments represent distributors and manufacturers that serve the independent building material, lumber, and kitchen and bath dealer, regional and national home centers, as well as those that serve production companies involved in cabinetry, architectural woodwork, stock woodwork, store fixtures, solid surface fabricating, plastics fabricating, general and specialty woodworking industries. Distributor members operate more than 900 distribution centers throughout the U.S. and Canada. The association's collective purchasing power exceeds \$25 billion. Founded in 1952, NBMDA's mission is to develop and promote the effectiveness of distribution processes to improve member profitability and growth.

About NLBMDA

The National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association (NLBMDA) represents its members in the national public policy arena, with emphasis on efforts to 1) promote the industry and educate legislators and public policy personnel; and 2) assist legislative, regulatory, standard-setting and other government or private bodies in the development of laws, regulations and policies affecting lumber and building material dealers, its customers and suppliers. Founded in 1917, the association has over 6,000 members operating single or multiple lumber yards and component plants serving homebuilders,

subcontractors, general contractors, and consumers in the new construction, repair and remodeling of residential and light commercial

About WDMA

The Window & Door Manufacturers Association is the premier trade association representing the leading manufacturers of residential and commercial window, door and skylight products for the domestic and export markets. WDMA members are focused on Total Product Performance™ products that are designed and built to performance-based standards. The association is focused on key member needs in the areas of advocacy, product performance, education and information and facilitating business interactions and relationships in the fenestration eco-system. For more information, please visit www.wdma.com.

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