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NBMDA Enhances Member Benefits
Health Insurance Offerings Available to Membership

April 7, 2008 (Chicago) - The North American Building Material Distribution Association (NBMDA) announced today a partnership with the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors (NAW) to provide group health insurance to members. The collective member company buying power makes this new health insurance program a key offering for NBMDA members.

The new NBMDA insurance program offered through the NAW Insurance Trust offers a fully-insured group health plan with flexible options including varying deductibles, tax-advantage savings plans and other products. NBMDA member companies with 200+ employees can also customize their plans.

NBMDA members will now have access to a comprehensive suite of fully-insured PPO plans with flexible options, including:

Eighteen different medical plans with varying deductible and coinsurance levels;
Each medical plan includes routine physicals, well-child care, physician and specialty office visits, lab diagnostic tests and more;
Consumer-driven, cost-savings options featuring tax-advantaged plans, such as health savings accounts (HSAs) and health reimbursements arrangements (HRAs); and
A full portfolio of ancillary products to combine with a medical plan, including dental and life/AD&D insurance.

"NAW is the umbrella organization for all wholesale distribution and provides a national forum to its members on issues such as national public policy, pro business leadership, and research and education that benefits the entire wholesale distribution industry", said Len Kopec, NBMDA President.

He continued to say, "Programs like the new NAW Insurance Trust offer opportunities to members of associations like NBMDA that would be cost prohibitive or otherwise unavailable without the sponsorship of a national organization."

NBMDA will provide additional information about the NAW Insurance program during its Annual Convention and Tabletop Business Session on November 12-13, 2008 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD.

Additional information about the program is available on www.nbmda.org.

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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, 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, general and specialty woodworking industries. Distributor members operate from more than nine hundred 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.