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CABA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENDORSES DIVISION 17

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CABA's Board of Directors has decided to endorse the addition of Division 17 to the Construction Specifications Institute's (CSI's) MasterFormat.

Building Industry Consulting Service International (BICSI) drafted Division 17 and has submitted a proposal to the CSI for consideration. The proposal is also supported by the Building Owners and Managers (BOMA) International, the Association for Telecommunications Professionals in Higher Education (ACUTA); the National Systems Contractors Association (NSCA) and the Telecommunications Industry Association (SIA).

The MasterFormat was introduced in 1963 and the current edition was amended in 1995. The standard is jointly produced by Construction Specifications Canada (CSC) and the Construction Specification Institute (CSI). The MasterFormat is a master list of numbers and titles for organizing information about construction requirements, products and activities into a standard sequence known as "Divisions."

In the past, 16 Divisions have been used which have address issues such as architecture. The addition of Division 17 would integrate technology into the design of a building.

The new division would add telecommunication requirements to the MasterFormat, including voice, data, video, security, fire/safety, Internet access, integrated HVAC and lighting controls.

CABA supports this initiative since it supports the development of a Division that deals with all aspects of building technology.

These benefits ensure that buildings are built and operate in a more intelligent fashion through the deployment of internetworking and building automation technology. This is in accord with CABA's mission to encourage the promotion, pursuit and understanding of integrated systems and automation in homes and buildings.

The CSI will publish the next edition of the MasterFormat in 2001. CABA hopes that it will include Division 17. For more information, please visit the Division 17 Initiative Web site at www.division17.net.

About CABA

The Continental Automated Buildings Association (CABA) is a leading industry association that promotes advanced technologies in homes and buildings in North America. More information is available at www.caba.org.

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