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CABA's INTELLIGENT & INTEGRATED BUILDINGS COUNCIL RECEIVES FUNDING FROM GOVERNMENT & INDUSTRY

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CABA's Intelligent & Integrated Buildings Council has secured sponsorship from Siemens and from the American and Canadian governments to pursue large building initiatives.

Specifically, CABA is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Energy, and Industry Canada have financially contributed to the development of a buildings life cycle costs analysis tool and Siemens Building Technologies has allocated their sponsorship to IIBC's general fund.

The Life Cycle Costs Analysis Tool task force has developed the framework for a comprehensive Life Cycle Costing model which analyzes the various costs associated with the installation, operations and maintenance of Building Automation Systems. The model will be automated and an interactive, web based application will be created that will permit the building construction industry to analyze the factors that influence networked building sub-systems costs. The tool will require specific input from professionals who understand the scope of the sub-systems being analyzed. A range of typical values from existing buildings will be provided to aid the users of the tool.

"We are extremely pleased that in addition to industry support, the American and Canadian Governments have strongly contributed to this initiative," stated Ronald J. Zimmer, CABA President & CEO. "Working in conjunction with BOMA International, IFMA and other government and industry stakeholders, CABA will ensure that industry has the most comprehensive tools to assess life cycle costs."

"CABA is widely recognized for conducting respected and agnostic research within the integrated systems and intelligent building sector," stated Rick LeBlanc, President, Siemens Buildings Technology, Building & Automation Division and a CABA Board member. "Our contribution is directed at enhancing specific CABA activities that promote the next generation of intelligent building technologies, plus a whole-building approach that optimizes building performance and savings."

CABA is still actively encouraging and welcoming more financial contributions for this and other Intelligent & Integrated Buildings Council projects. More information about the sponsorship program is available at www.caba.org.

"The IIBC is extremely pleased that both private and public sectors are actively supporting the completion of the integrated automation life cycle cost tool," stated Tom Lohner, Vice President of TENG Solutions and IIBC Chairman. "The task force has put significant effort in the development of

the life cycle cost model. These contributions will go a long way to funding the completion of an interactive, Web-based life cycle costing tool. The industry intuitively believes that integrated and intelligent buildings have significant return on investment. Now we can prove it."

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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