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CABA CO-HOSTS SUCCESSFUL GREEN INTELLIGENT BUILDINGS CONFERENCE

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The Continental Automated Buildings Association was a proud co-host and participant at the recent Green Intelligent Buildings Conference.

This two-day conference held in Baltimore, MD on April 2-3, 2008, brought together building owners, facility engineers, operating engineers and others to learn about new advancements in energy efficient and intelligent buildings. These advancements included intelligent building design and operations, integration, building automation, energy saving and lighting control.

At the conference CABA highlighted its multiple intelligent and green building research initiatives, which included information on CABA's Intelligent Buildings Roadmap and its other research, such as:

"Sustainability and Vision" Research Project

The focus of this CABA research is to identify new approaches to reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions through the adoption of intelligent and integrated building systems in commercial and industrial environments. CABA collaborated with numerous experts from its membership and industry experts from Carnegie Mellon University to develop a comprehensive, long-term corporate energy management plan template. The template, completed on March 12, 2008, contains uniform guidelines to advance building practices that are environmentally responsible.

Convergence of Green and Intelligent Buildings

CABA recently contracted Frost & Sullivan to conduct a research study that addresses the operation, energy savings and long term benefits associated with commercial facilities that implement intelligent and green building technologies. Industry rating systems such as LEED will be compared side by side with intelligent buildings. The research project will ultimately be a compilation of case studies that best demonstrate key technologies, capabilities and benefits. The case studies will focus on technologies such as building and network management systems, building automation systems, lighting solutions, HVAC and sustainable energy technologies such as solar energy, wind power, rain water collection and recycled wastewater.

In addition, the conference examined many issues that affect CABA members and industry stakeholders, including the value of a whole building approach to automation, how intelligence in buildings is measured and benchmarked, and how emerging technologies are being applied in terms of maintaining building intelligence and measuring energy and demand response.

Engineered Systems, a monthly magazine published by BNP Media, produced the conference and LonMark International was also a co-host.

"CABA was pleased to support this conference in order to demonstrate the tangible advantages of green intelligent building technologies," stated Ronald J. Zimmer, CABA President & CEO. "As a speaker, it was great to see many different stakeholders represented at this important event."

More information about the conference and CABA research projects can be found at www.caba.org.

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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