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## National Institute of Building Sciences Joins CABA Board

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The Continental Automated Buildings Association is pleased to announce that the National Institute of Building Sciences has joined its Board of Directors.

The National Institute of Building Sciences is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that successfully brings together representatives of government, the professions, industry, labor and consumer interests, and regulatory agencies to focus on the identification and resolution of problems and potential problems that hamper the construction of safe, affordable structures for housing, commerce and industry throughout the United States.

Dana Kennish "Deke" Smith, FAIA, will represent the Institute on the CABA Board.

"With the addition of the National Institute of Building Sciences to its Board, CABA continues its strong tradition of representation from the non-profit sector," said Ronald J. Zimmer, CABA President & CEO. "We are pleased to welcome such a respected organization, and distinguished individual, to our Board. Deke has a long and prestigious history in both the private and public sector concerning the application of spatial information to the building sector."

Smith is currently the Executive Director of the Institute's Building Seismic Safety Council and buildingSMART alliance™. He was instrumental in developing the Construction Criteria Base (now a part of the Whole Building Design Guide [WBDG]), initiated the United States National CAD Standard®, and spearheaded the effort to deliver consensus-based open standards to the facilities industry through use of the National BIM Standard-United States™.

"We're excited to bring the building science capabilities of the National Institute of Building Sciences to the CABA Board," said Smith. "The Institute looks forward to working with this dedicated group to advance innovation and growth within the building automation sector, particularly in the areas of high performance building and building information modeling."

Previously, Smith was a Designer and Director with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Deputy CIO at the Army Research Laboratory, and Chief Architect for the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment in supporting DoD's 540,000 facilities.

Smith holds a degree in architecture from Virginia Tech and has undertaken postgraduate studies at the National Defense University. He is a registered architect in the state of Virginia and a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects. He is co-author of "Building Information Modeling: A Strategic Implementation Guide," published in 2009 by Wiley.

**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 <http://www.caba.org/>.

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