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CABA and TRILabs To Pursue Intelligent Home and Building Automation

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Information sharing and addition of new TRILabs research and development projects lie at the heart of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) recently signed between the Continental Automated Buildings Association (CABA), an international not-for-profit industry association, and TRILabs, Canada's largest information and communications technology (ICT) research consortium.

A first project that will benefit from the relationship involves a TRILabs collaboration with an industry partner to better understand current intelligent home challenges (interoperability, protocols, an understanding of what end users want), laying a foundation for potential new projects and solutions.

The MOU was signed by Ronald J. Zimmer, CABA President & CEO, and Dean Beleyowski, TRILabs Vice President and Director, TRILabs Manitoba.

"The key areas of focus of this MOU include strengthening capabilities along with building mutual exchanges," stated Zimmer. "We expect the agreement will also deepen research collaborations between CABA and TRILabs."

Beleyowski noted: "Rapid wireless and information technology advances have opened a door for a new mainstream reality beyond the living rooms of technology savvy early adopters and early commercial building security solutions. Our partnership with CABA will allow the membership of both organizations to build in-depth knowledge, and create opportunities for networking, idea exchange, and enterprise partnerships that drive innovation."

The home and building automation innovation challenge can be described with a commonly used reference to the "Internet of Things" – where various levels of "smartness" can be embedded to control practically anything in a house or building through anything that's connected to the Internet. An old saying states that with more connection comes more complexity, widening the gaps between the experience people want and the experience they have.

"Our innovation challenge is to simplify, while stepping into a growing market opportunity," Beleyowski says.

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/>.

About TRILabs

TRILabs is Canada's largest information and communications technology (ICT) research and development consortium. As an innovation performer, TRILabs fast tracks innovation to market by working with its 80 industry, government, and academic partners and clients to discover, develop and commercialize technology. Research activity focuses on five themes: Intelligent Wireless, Interactive Video Services, Data Analytics, eHealth, and ICT Security. Labs are located in Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Regina, and Winnipeg. TRILabs' market-pull commercialization service offering to industry includes market requirements identification, technology assessments, applied research, proof of concept, prototyping/integration, and take to market services. In its 26-year existence, TRILabs has trained 969 highly skilled university graduates, created 453 technologies adopted for use by companies, and generated 82 active patents (issued or filed). More information is available at <http://www.trilabs.ca>.

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