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## **CABA RELEASES LIFE CYCLE COSTS SURVEY AND WHITE PAPER**

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The Continental Automated Buildings Association is undertaking a broad industry survey to aid in the development of a parametric model to analyze the life-cycle costs of integrated and intelligent buildings.

Ronald J. Zimmer, CABA President & CEO, states: "The fact that over 100 companies and individuals are now working on this initiative and others through CABA's Intelligent & Integrated Buildings Council clearly indicates the importance the industry is placing on the future growth of integrated and intelligent buildings."

The survey is primarily intended for building owners/managers and/or facility managers and can be accessed online at [www.caba.org/survey](http://www.caba.org/survey).

The purpose of the survey is to develop an information base concerning how commercial facilities worldwide are incorporating or planning for intelligent and integrated buildings life-cycle costs as a fundamental management strategy. CABA's intends to use the survey results to guide best practice decisions for those currently assessing their own integrated intelligent building strategy.

The survey will assist the CABA Intelligent & Integrated Buildings Council's Task Force 3 in developing an online life-cycle-costing tool for the large building sector.

"It is our intent to provide the benefits of life-cycle-costing to the entire industry," states Tom Lohner, Vice President, TENG Solutions and Chair of CABA's Intelligent & Integrated Buildings Council. "This tool will represent a concrete step towards that goal."

The parametric model will have four major functions:

- It will increase market penetrability of intelligent and integrated building technology with building owners, property managers, designers and other stakeholder groups by demonstrating value and providing guidance.
- It will evaluate intelligent and integrated building systems in existing buildings.
- It will provide step-by-step guidance at all stages of project delivery to integrate intelligent building technology in the design of new buildings and for retrofits (from scope definition through project implementation, including the operational phase, monitoring and finally, performance verification).
- It will evaluate how the building systems interact with facility management applications to reduce operating and maintenance costs.

CABA has outlined the advantages of life-cycle-costing in a new white paper entitled "Life Cycle Costing of Automation Controls for Intelligent and Integrated Facilities." The purpose of the report is to demonstrate, by using life cycle costing methodology, that owners receive the best value, as defined by total cost of ownership over the life of new building construction or substantial renovation by implementing intelligent & integrated building technologies.

The report is available at [www.caba.org](http://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](http://www.caba.org).

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