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LONMARK INTERNATIONAL SUPPORTS CABA's BUILDING INTELLIGENCE QUOTIENT

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The Continental Automated Buildings Association is pleased to announce that LonMark International has become the first supporting organization for CABA's online Building Intelligence Quotient (BiQ) tool.

The BiQ is a ranking tool, available at www.caba.org/biq, which addresses the technology and automation components of a building. It is accessible to building owners, operators, managers and designers. The tool and its enhanced verification, training and award programs are designed to increase the market penetrability of intelligent building technologies and provide guidance to property managers.

As an official supporter, LonMark International will actively promote and encourage the use of the BiQ tool amongst the industry in general and its membership in particular. LonMark International is a non-profit trade association that advances the business of efficient and effective integration of open, multi-vendor control systems, including those focused on building automation, utilizing ANSI/CEA 709.1 and related standards.

"Interest has been expressed in the concept of a building ranking system that evaluates and measures the intrinsic value of intelligent building performance," states Ron Bernstein, Executive Director of LonMark International. "We are proponents of this concept since we see it as broadening the range of specialized services and advice, specifically tailored to those interested in offering seamlessly connected building infrastructure."

LonMark International expects the ranking system to provide its membership with an objective means to evaluate and measure building performance and provide a design guide for the integration of building intelligence in new building projects and retrofits. LonMark International members will also benefit from an expanded marketplace.

"CABA is proud that LonMark International is supporting the BiQ tool," states Ronald J. Zimmer, CABA President & CEO. "We feel that the advanced methodology we employ to rank building intelligence will result in higher building value, improved comfort, security, flexibility and reliability while reducing costs and increasing productivity. This can only benefit LonMark International members by expanding the market for their products and services."

LonMark International members include manufacturers, integrators and users of control systems in a variety of industries, including building automation, security, lighting, home/white goods, elevators, mass transit, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, consumer appliances, sun blinds, energy metering, construction, commercial real estate, and industrial automation.

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.

About LonMark International

Since its inception in 1994, LonMark International has become a driving force in the establishment of interoperable guidelines for building, industrial, transportation and residential/utility automation. LonMark International is committed to educating the market on the value of open, interoperable systems and providing tools, resources, and support for its members. With over 500 members, LonMark affiliates span the globe with local presence in the Americas, Asia, and Europe. LonMark membership is open to any manufacturer, distributor, engineer, system integrator, or end-user interested in the development, specification, and use of open, interoperable products utilizing ANSI/CEA 709.1 and related standards.

Products that have been verified to conform to the LonMark interoperability guidelines are eligible to carry the LonMark logo. More information can be found at www.lonmark.org.

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