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IAPMO Takes Message to the White House, Capitol Hill in Support of High Performance Building Week

Washington, D.C. (May 24, 2011) – The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) is in the United States capital today to share its message with the White House, senators and congressional representatives that IAPMO works closely with industry and government — bearing safety and our world’s scarce natural resources in mind — in a quest toward increasingly higher performing buildings.

During a morning press conference at the Rayburn House Office Building and later meetings at the White House, Department of Energy (DOE) and on Capitol Hill, IAPMO President Dan Daniels and CEO GP Russ Chaney will promote High Performance Building Week by demonstrating IAPMO’s 85-year mission to protect building health and safety while continually working to improve efficiency and system performance.

“This is a tremendous opportunity to provide our government’s leaders on water, energy and the environment a glimpse into IAPMO and what we do every day to push the envelope of high efficiency plumbing, mechanical and solar systems in buildings here in the United States and across the globe,” Daniels said.

Daniels and Chaney will highlight IAPMO’s recent acquisition of the Green *Plumbers* training and accreditation program, the new Green Plumbing and Mechanical Code Supplement, as well as the association’s longtime cornerstones — the American National Standard designated Uniform Codes — and announce the creation of a Certified Water Auditor and Certified Water Manager curriculum for federal buildings personnel, facilities managers, utility water and energy conservation staff, and building commissioning personnel.

These Certified Water Auditors and Water Managers will identify practical and affordable water conservation measures for their buildings that will meet and exceed the 2020 conservation mandates, while simultaneously providing a core competency for continued future water efficiency and savings.

Scheduled meetings include U.S. Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-N.J.), chairman of Energy and Water Appropriations; Rep. Scott R. Tipton (R-Colo.), Daniels’ congressman; Roland Risser, head of DOE’s Building Technologies Program; Heather Zichal, assistant to President Obama for Energy and Climate Change; and Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), ranking member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

“IAPMO has a long history of supporting water and energy efficiency provisions in our codes, while continuing to meet our prime directive of ensuring health and safety,” Daniels said. “Perhaps due to the fact that we have our roots in the arid west, IAPMO’s leadership has consistently embraced sustainable requirements in our codes. In recent years, however, we have redoubled our efforts in order to meet the needs of a growing global population that will be tasked with the challenge of increasing water scarcity and the need to better conserve our planet’s natural resources.”

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Sponsor of the Uniform Codes, IAPMO – The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials – works in concert with government and industry for safe, sanitary plumbing and mechanical systems. Learn more about IAPMO at www.iapmo.org.

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