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### IAPMO to Honor 'Greenest' Contractors

**Ontario, Calif. (Dec. 24, 2008)** – At its 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Education and Business Conference, Sept. 27-Oct. 1, 2009, in San Diego, and all subsequent conferences, the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) will award recognition to a Green Contractor of the Year.

The award will honor the IAPMO member contractor who best fulfills or symbolizes a commitment to environmental sustainability through his or her work in the plumbing and mechanical industries. It will be given in addition to IAPMO's long-standing annual honors, the Industry Person of the Year, Government Person of the Year and American Flag awards, and the George Kauffman Lifetime Achievement Award, given each year a worthy honoree is nominated and selected by the IAPMO Board of Directors.

"IAPMO has been committed to green practices since the organization's inception more than 80 years ago," said Russ Chaney, executive director of IAPMO, "and now it's time to recognize those within our industry who share the same strong commitment to insuring our planet's future."

Green Contractor nominations should be presented to the Board through the Committee for Awareness and Understanding of a Sustainable Environment (C.A.U.S.E.), the Green Technical Committee or the Board itself, which will select the recipient at its summer meeting and present the award each year at conference. Nominations for both the Green Contractor and Kauffman awards will be accepted between Jan. 1 and May 15, 2009.

While it is tradition to surprise the winners of the Government and Industry Persons of the Year and American Flag awards at conference, the winner of the Green Contractor award will be notified in advance to ensure he or she is present to accept the honor. Recipients of the award will be featured in IAPMO's publications, including *Official* magazine and the online *Green Newsletter* and *I-Connection*.

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