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IAPMO, PMI Sign MoU to Explore More Dynamic Collaboration

Washington, D.C. (Oct. 18, 2011) — The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) and Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) specifically detailing ways in which the two venerable organizations will work together to jointly advance and promote mutual industry interests as related to education, training and advocacy.

Through this MoU, IAPMO and PMI pledge cooperation in the achievement of numerous objectives, including the following:

- Where mutually beneficial, identify and consider a possible agreement between IAPMO and PMI to promote new and existing sustainability opportunities and services collaboratively to our members and the industry, including IAPMO's green training programs.
- Consider ways the organizations might aid best practices in the plumbing industry, and seek collaborations with other industry groups to promote effective delivery of continuing education programs for workers and recruitment of new workers.
- Identify joint areas of interest in legislative and regulatory advocacy.
- Consider expansion of IAPMO educational content and offerings to including hosting of existing PMI courses and collaborate with PMI on development of new courses that may be offered jointly and co-promoted.
- Investigate the feasibility of jointly produced educational conferences.

IAPMO CEO GP Russ Chaney and PMI Executive Director Barbara C. Higgins signed the MoU Oct. 13 in Washington, D.C.

"Sharing talents through collaborative relationships like this one with IAPMO has been an important part of PMI's success over the years," Higgins said. "We are delighted to have the opportunity to explore areas of mutual interest and to investigate ways to work together."

"IAPMO and PMI have long worked together and with others to advance the industry, but with this Memorandum of Understanding we look forward to engaging in an even more proactively cooperative relationship," Chaney said. "Each association becomes a stronger advocate of its stated mission with the assistance and backing of the other."

Founded in Los Angeles in 1926, IAPMO has grown to be recognized the world over for its *Uniform Codes*. With offices in 11 states and seven countries, IAPMO has assisted with code development in such diverse places as Saudi Arabia, China, India, Jordan, Egypt, Israel, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, Venezuela, Colombia, and the United Arab Emirates.

PMI is a trade association of plumbing products manufacturers. Its member companies produce most of the nation's plumbing products. The association functions as a sounding board for its members, a source for industry and market information, and as a coordinating and decision-making body for dealing with industry issues. It is active in many arenas as it helps develop and maintain standards and codes, and works closely with government agencies at all levels — federal, state and local.