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IAPMO Named Recipient of National Institute of Building Sciences President Award

Washington, D.C. (Jan. 9, 2014) — The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) on Wednesday was presented the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) President Award in recognition of the association's commitment to an improved built environment and a resilient America, supporting of standards for the safe and efficient use of water, and being a leading participant in the nation's discussion on the energy/water nexus.

The award was presented during the Institute's annual conference, Building Innovation 2014, at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. IAPMO Senior Vice President of Advocacy, Research and Program Development Pete DeMarco, accepted the award on behalf of IAPMO.

"IAPMO sees great value in contributing to the efforts of the Institute," DeMarco said. "Participating on the Consultative Council has presented IAPMO with a fantastic platform from which we can collaborate with other committee members in putting forward a set of recommendations to the government of the United States; recommendations that carry the weight of consensus from an incredibly diverse group of organizations — all concerned with the safety and efficiency of our nation's buildings.

"For IAPMO, this means that the water and energy efficiency issues about which we're concerned — and the research initiatives we believe need to be conducted — are well articulated in the NIBS annual report along with recommendations from the other Council members. What a great opportunity."

Since 2010, IAPMO has provided input on water and energy efficiency to NIBS' Moving Forward Report, a collection of findings and recommendations from the Consultative Council on high-level issues impacting the building community. The report is presented to President Obama and subsequently delivered by the president to Congress. DeMarco has led IAPMO's involvement.

"I want to make special mention of the work of Pete DeMarco, who worked extensively with the Consultative Council on the development of the Findings and Recommendations from the Consultative Council," wrote NIBS President Henry Green. "IAPMO can be proud of the efforts and leadership Pete has brought forward in this effort."

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