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**BHMA TO CONDUCT SEMINAR AT CONSTRUCT 2008**

*Importance of using certified products is focus of BHMA presentation*

**New York, NY (May 8, 2008)** — Architects, specifiers, engineers and general contractors are invited to attend a seminar on the importance of using certified builders hardware products presented by The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) during CONSTRUCT 2008.

Ralph Vasami, Esq., the executive director for BHMA, will present the BHMA Certification Program to experts in the building and construction industry. The educational seminar will be held at **9 a.m., Thursday, June 5**, during CONSTRUCT 2008, formerly called the CSI Show, at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas.

Vasami will supply construction industry professionals with a detailed outline of BHMA's rigorous certification processes and how specifying certified hardware fosters a project's success.

"By selecting a certified hardware product, you're ensuring its quality, durability and performance," Vasami said. "The ANSI/BHMA standard sets the criteria and only BHMA certification can guarantee that a product has been tested to meet them."

"Specifying certified products gives the assurance that the hardware has undergone rigorous testing and been third party certified, which is why industry professionals specify hardware designated by the BHMA certified mark or found in the BHMA Certified Products Directory at [www.buildershardware.com](http://www.buildershardware.com)," Vasami continued.

"BHMA is committed to enhancing life safety and security through the development of ANSI/BHMA standards and third party certification of builders hardware," Vasami said.

BHMA has developed 33 ANSI/BHMA standards in the builder's hardware category, each of which impacts safety and security, either directly or indirectly. BHMA certified products are listed in the BHMA Certified Products Directory, which now includes 146 listings.

Attendees will earn 1.5 AIA continuing education units (CEUs) as well as CSI Construction Education Network (CEN) credits through participation in the seminar.

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#### About BHMA

The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association is an industry leader in building safety and security. BHMA is the only organization accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to develop and maintain performance standards for locks, closers, exit devices and other builders hardware. The widely known ANSI/BHMA A156 series of standards describes and establishes the features and criteria for specific types of hardware products. In addition, BHMA sponsors third-party certification of hardware products, which is a requirement for a product to bear the "BHMA Certified" mark — insuring that the product meets the ANSI/BHMA standard. For more information on BHMA, please write to BHMA, 355 Lexington Avenue, 15 Floor, New York, NY, 10017 or visit the Web site at **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid..**

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