



# Building Service Contractors Association International

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## **BSCAI Hosts Successful Convention** 1,300 Professionals in Attendance

**CHICAGO** – Building Service Contractors Association International (BSCAI) hosted its 2008 Annual Convention & Trade Show, April 25-28 in Tampa, Fla. Nearly 1,300 building service and contract security professionals and more than 90 industry vendors participated in the convention.

The 2008 BSCAI Annual Convention & Trade Show featured 30 education sessions, organized into tracks, which focused on leadership, bidding and estimating, budgeting, marketing, operations and more. In depth, targeted sessions were also offered, providing attendees with comprehensive information needed to reach their educational goals.

Bill George, professor of Management Practice, Henry B. Arthur of Ethics, Harvard Business School and author of *True North* and *Authentic Leadership*, led the second annual CEO Summit on Friday, April 25. The CEO Summit attracted high-level BSC executives and professionals on the path to leadership, for a full day of discussion on leadership skills and organizational growth. Additionally, George opened the annual convention on Saturday, April 26 with his keynote address, "Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

During the convention's general sessions, President Ernest Clark, Jr., CBSE, recognized members from the BSCAI community who have contributed to the Government Affairs Fund (GAF). The GAF was established to keep BSCAI members informed about legislation and influence positive legislation that will help strengthen the industry and association. A silent auction benefiting the GAF was held throughout the convention and raised \$2,675.

Recognition was also given to members of the BSCAI Founders Circle. BSCAI established this program to honor groups of donors who contribute one gift or a series of gifts totaling \$10,000 or more. Today, the Founders Circle consists of 25 donors whom have pledged over a quarter of a million dollars to the program. The success of the Founders Circle has made it possible for BSCAI to continue its year-round educational programs and offerings.

The BSCAI Trade Show featured more than 90 leading industry vendors who exhibited the latest products and services on the market. Procter & Gamble's Mr. Clean® made a special guest appearance and demonstrated the company's new products. Another highlight was the \$10,000 Grand Prize raffle which was presented to one trade show attendee on Sunday, April 27, this prize was sponsored by Valenti Trobec Chandler Insurance.

The 2009 BSCAI Annual Convention & Trade Show takes place March 6-9 at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago, Ill.

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### About BSCAI

Founded in 1965, BSCAI has become the trade association of the building service industry, representing a worldwide network of more than 2,000 member companies from across the U.S. and 30 other countries who provide cleaning, facility maintenance, and other related services to building owners and managers. The association provides educational programs, publications, video training programs, seminars and networking opportunities, all developed specifically for the building service and security contracting industries.