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BSCAI/ISSA Partner to Promote Workplace Safety

Lincolnwood, IL, USA—ISSA, the worldwide cleaning industry association, and alliance partner the Building Service Contractors Association International (BSCAI) will work together to increase public awareness of the importance of workplace safety and health by jointly supporting North American Occupational Safety & Health (NAOSH) Week, May 3-9, 2009.

NAOSH Week is presented by the U.S. Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) and the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) Alliance. The NAOSH Week kickoff event will be held at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., on May 3. NAOSH Week is aimed at increasing the focus of employers, employees, and the general public on the importance of preventing injuries and illnesses in the workplace.

ISSA and BSCAI will partner to share information about workplace-safety and health issues with their respective memberships during NAOSH Week and will encourage member companies to review practices that reduce occupational injury and illness.

“ISSA is proud to once again be an active supporter of the North American Occupational Safety & Health Week, and we are happy to work with BSCAI to spread awareness of workplace-safety resources among our members,” said ISSA President Bob Stahurski. “This remains of paramount importance, and we will continue to work together to do whatever it takes to reduce the incidence of workplace injuries and illnesses in our industry.”

Supporting NAOSH Week is the latest example of how the BSCAI/ISSA alliance is working together to create increased value for both memberships.

“We’re delighted to join the coalition of organizations supporting NAOSH Week,” said BSCAI President Elect Stan Doobin. “Workplace-safety and health issues are extremely important to our member firms and their respective employees.”

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Both groups will also make a variety of workplace-safety resources available at the upcoming BSCAI Annual Convention & Trade Show, March 6-9, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, in Chicago, IL.

Also, ISSA and OSHA have worked together through a formal alliance to develop a one-of-a-kind Web network and online library of safety and health information at www.issa.com/osha.

Specifically, the ISSA Safety and Health Portal offers workplace-safety and health topic pages providing detailed information on regulatory-compliance obligations, tips and resources for creating and maintaining a safe and healthy work environment, and direct links to various additional compliance resources.

Numerous resources will also be available in conjunction with NAOSH Week 2009. Materials are available from the ASSE at www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh09/index.php.

About BSCAI

The Building Service Contractors Association International has become the trade association of the building-service industry, representing a worldwide network of more than 2,000 member companies—from across the United States and 30 other countries—that provide cleaning, facility maintenance, and other related services to building owners and managers. BSCAI provides educational programs, publications, video-training programs, seminars, and networking opportunities, all developed specifically for the building-service-contracting industry.

About ISSA

ISSA is the leading trade association for the cleaning industry worldwide, with a membership that includes more than 5,700 distributor, manufacturer, manufacturer representative, building service contractor, in-house service provider, and associated service members. ISSA offers the industry's largest cleaning shows in conjunction with Amsterdam RAI under the brand name ISSA/INTERCLEAN[®], the popular Web site www.issa.com, educational products, industry standards, periodicals, and legislative and regulatory services that specifically focus on the professional cleaning industry.

The association is headquartered in Lincolnwood, IL, USA, with regional offices in Amsterdam, Netherlands; Leicester, United Kingdom; Mexico City and Monterrey, Mexico; Singapore; and Shanghai, China. ISSA also works with more than 75 associations, alliances, and government agencies around the world to represent the cleaning industry. For more information, visit www.issa.com.

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