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MCAA Members Recognized for Creating the *WebLEM*SM Online Labor Estimating Manual

ROCKVILLE, MD—Members of the Mechanical Contractors Association of America, Inc.'s (MCAA) Labor Estimating Manual Committee were recognized during the committee's fall meeting for their dedication and commitment throughout the creation of the *WebLEM*, the mechanical contractor's source for web-based labor estimating units. Those receiving service awards were:

- Kevin Daubendiek (Humphrey Company, Inc., Houston, TX),
- Paul De Bella (De Bella Mechanical, Inc., Santa Clara, CA),
- Robert Durr, Jr. (Durr Mechanical Construction, Inc., New York, NY),
- David Gallo (Gallo Mechanical, LLC, Metairie, LA),
- Ron King (Accubid Systems, Concord, ON, Canada),
- Tim Moormeier (U.S. Engineering Company, Kansas City, MO) and
- Emmett Reilly (John W. Danforth Company, Tonawanda, NY).

Introduced at MCAA's 2008 Annual Convention, the *WebLEM* is a web-based version of MCAA's popular *Labor Estimating Manual (LEM)*, which was first published by the committee in the early 1970s. This essential tool, which has been revised and expanded to keep pace with the industry, is provided to members of MCAA, including members of the Manufacturer/Supplier Council and members of MCAA's Mechanical Service Contractors of

America (MSCA) subsidiary, as a benefit of membership. Non-members are able to subscribe to the manual.

The transformation of the *LEM* into the *WebLEM* began in 2005 in response to committee concerns about keeping pace with the unprecedented rate at which new materials and joining methods were being introduced. The committee was also concerned about: providing information in a timely manner and simplifying the process of updating the labor hours for members and software company licensees alike. The time required to update the labor units into their software had the largest impact on some of the smallest mechanical contractors.

The *WebLEM* was developed to address the committee's concerns and to meet the needs of the next generation of users. The *WebLEM* project would not have been possible without the efforts of the dedicated members of the Labor Estimating Manual Committee and MCAA's foresight in seeing the benefit of a web-based *Labor Estimating Manual*.

To learn more about the *WebLEM*, visit www.weblem.org or contact MCAA's Technical Director, Dariush "Nick" Nikpourfard, who can be reached at 301-990-2211 or nnikpourfard@mcaa.org.

The Mechanical Contractors Association of America, Inc. (MCAA) serves the unique needs of approximately 2,500 firms involved in heating, air conditioning, refrigeration, plumbing, piping, and mechanical service. We do this by providing our members with high-quality educational materials and programs to help them attain the highest level of managerial and technical expertise. MCAA includes the Mechanical Service Contractors of America, the Plumbing Contractors of America, the Manufacturer/Supplier Council, the Mechanical Contracting Education and Research Foundation and the National Certified Pipe Welding Bureau.

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