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**BACnet International and Trade Press Media Partner to  
Produce *Facility Decisions Conference & Expo 2009***

Expanded Event To Gather 2,000 Facilities Management Professionals

Atlanta, GA (PRWeb) – June 2, 2009 -- BACnet International and Trade Press Media today announced that they are partnering to produce the 2009 Facility Decisions Conference and Expo at the Las Vegas Convention Center from September 22-23 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The event is expected to attract approximately 2,000 building automation professionals and top-level facility decision-makers as well as 200 leading industry suppliers. The conference will offer general presentations, targeted learning sessions and workshops, a Solutions Exchange session, and an exhibit hall. Access to conference sessions and exhibit hall are free.



This year's conference will include topics such as: advances and innovations in **building technologies**, organizational and technological approaches to **energy and energy efficiency**, critical **operations and engineering** issues facing facilities management, best practices and technology updates to **security**, strategies for establishing and improving building **sustainability**, and insights for addressing **people and process management**. For the first time, the conference will also include 12 BACnet-specific educational tracks designed for all levels of BACnet users.

"Facility Decisions is a perfect partner for the annual BACnet International conference, and it's an ideal marketplace for products and services that serve the facilities management industry," said Todd Kotlarek, Director of Live Events for Trade Press Media Group, Inc. Mr. Kotlarek continued, "BACnet International's co-sponsorship of the event will enrich the experience of the event participants by having a larger number of building and facility experts leading educational sessions and exhibiting even a greater number of innovative solutions."

Andy McMillan, President of BACnet International and President/CEO of Teletrol Systems expressed his optimism for the event and the myriad of opportunities it will present to attendees, "We are very excited about partnering with Trade Press to

bring this year's Facility Decisions conference to the market. The key to this partnership is that it significantly extends our reach and creates a compelling learning environment for the extended BACnet user community at a reasonable cost." Mr. McMillan added, "As the use of the BACnet protocol increases, so does our need to create educational and networking opportunities – and we hope members of BACnet International take advantage of this compelling event."

Members of BACnet International are entitled to several special benefits at Facility Decisions Conference and Expo 2009, including:

- Free access to the conference and exhibit hall.
- Free access to Facility Decisions educational sessions and workshops during the conference, including BACnet-specific sessions for all levels of understanding – from basic to advanced.
- Access to pre-conference seminars for the low cost of \$99 per attendee.
- Access to an exclusive BACnet International member reception during the event.
- Premium sponsorship packages and exhibit spaces in the BACnet International Pavilion area at a discounted rate.
- Discounts to Facilities Decisions Conference and Expo 2009 hotels.

For those parties interested in exhibiting their solutions, registering for the event, or learning more, please visit: <http://www.BACnetconference.org> or contact Natalie Nardone at [natalie@BACnetinternational.org](mailto:natalie@BACnetinternational.org) or 770-971-6003.

#### **About BACnet® International**

BACnet International is an industry association that facilitates the successful use of the BACnet® protocol in building automation and control systems through interoperability testing, educational programs, and promotional activities. The BACnet standard was developed by ASHRAE and has been made publicly available so that manufacturers can create interoperable systems of products. BACnet International complements the work of the ASHRAE standards committee and BACnet-related interest groups around the world. BACnet International members include building owners, consulting engineers and facility managers, as well as companies involved in the design, manufacturing installation, commissioning, and maintenance of control equipment that uses BACnet for communication. For more information, please visit [www.BACnetinternational.org](http://www.BACnetinternational.org).

#### **About Facility Decisions and Trade Press Media Group**

Facility Decisions Conference/Exposition is brought to the market by Trade Press Media Group, a media company serving the facilities industry. Trade Press is co-owner of the National Facilities Management & Technology Conference, Facilities Midwest Expo and Facility Decisions. The firm also publishes Building Operating Management and Maintenance Solutions magazines and developed FacilitiesNet.com, an online portal for the facilities industry, and FacilityZone.com - the premier vertical search engine for building owners and facility managers. More than 100,000 facility professionals rely on these information products for problem-solving editorial and product news that helps them manage and operate their buildings at peak efficiency. For more information, please visit <http://www.tradepress.com>.