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BCA'S BEST PRACTICES IN COMMISSIONING EXISTING BUILDINGS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Portland, OR, August 8, 2008 – This summer the Building Commissioning Association officially released its long-awaited *Best Practices in Commissioning Existing Building*. As stated in the Executive Summary, this publicly available document “details practical solutions, facilitates the implementation of EBCx [Existing Building Commissioning] Best Practices improvements over time and assists in the standardization of the commissioning industry.”

This document represents a collaborative effort on the part of several leading experts in the field of commissioning. Mark Miller, Director of Client Services at Strategic Building Solutions and President of the BCA's Northeast Chapter spearheaded this effort.

According to its authors, it aims to promote commissioning in the marketplace by defining “the qualities and characteristics of best commissioning practices. . .” and to raise professional standards by establishing “a benchmark against which the market can gauge quality and professionalism, and which the BCA can use to objectively evaluate other commissioning initiatives, including our own.”

“I am extremely proud to be part of this important document,” stated BCA President Ed Faircloth. “I hope that the commissioning industry will accept this document as a helpful tool to be used to continue to improve the overall performance and satisfaction level of owners, architects, engineers, and facility managers.”

Best Practices in Commissioning Existing Buildings draws upon existing resources such as California Commissioning Collaborative guide for Existing Buildings, the BCA's own Building Commissioning Handbook by the Building Commissioning Association, NEBB National Environmental Balancing Bureau (NEBB) retro-commissioning process, Associated Air Balance Council Commissioning Group (ACG) Commissioning Guidelines, ASHRAE Guideline 0-2005, and input from ASHRAE GPC 1.2, and SMACNA.

As one of the predominant professional associations in the commissioning industry, and the only one dedicated solely to the practice, the BCA strives “to achieve high professional standards, while allowing for the diverse and creative approaches to building commissioning that benefit our profession and its clients. Its members include commissioning providers, architects, engineering consultants, owners and other members of the building industry.

Best Practices in Commissioning Existing Building is available in its entirety on the BCA website at www.bcxa.org. For further information, contact Mana Haeri at mhaeri@bcxa.org or 503.961.6170.

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