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BICSI AND CSI SIGN HONORARY FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

Tampa, Fla., April 16, 2009— BICSI, the association supporting the information transport systems (ITS) industry with information, education and knowledge assessment, recently signed an honorary friendship agreement with Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), in order to promote further growth and development of the ITS and telecommunications industries. The official agreement was signed on March 27, 2009, by BICSI President Mr. Edward J. Donelan, RCDD, NTS, TLT and CSI President Mr. Gilman K. M. Hu, FCSI, AIA.

“Strategically, BICSI is in the process of developing unique, relevant and dynamic professional communities around the world, allowing us to advance the knowledge and success of our members and the ITS industry,” said Donelan. “This partnership is a vital step forward in connecting the ITS and telecommunications construction industries, providing valuable benefits to the members of both organizations.”

The two organizations plan to engage in a variety of cooperative activities including:

- Exchanging visits and views between the members of the two entities in order to promote a qualified and skilled work force and to consider regulatory issues of common importance and to further the development of the telecommunications industries worldwide;
- Maintaining a regular exchange of newsletters and other information to ensure each is informed of the other’s key concerns and activities;
- Encouraging the members of each association to exhibit or participate in the telecommunications exhibitions or seminars sponsored by the other association;
- Stimulating consultations and discussions by and between the members of the two associations with regard to possible cooperative activities; and
- Pursuing such other cooperative activities as may be necessary and appropriate.

“Telecommunications systems have become an increasingly important component of today’s commercial and institutional buildings, connecting the world like never before,” said Hu. “CSI recognized this trend in developing MasterFormat™ 2004 Edition, which includes a separate division for communications – Division 27. We look forward to cooperating with BICSI on advancing the telecommunications industries and working together on mutual interests.”

BICSI previously signed similar friendship agreements with InfoComm in 2005, TIA in 2006 and 2008, and NBFAA in 2009. Cross functional relationships among entities with common goals add significantly to the benefits offered to the membership of these organizations. BICSI will continue to reach out to like-minded groups in an endeavor to enhance the knowledge base of their membership.

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BICSI is a professional association supporting the information transport systems (ITS) industry. ITS covers the spectrum of voice, data, electronic safety & security, and audio & video technologies. It encompasses the design, integration and installation of pathways, spaces, fiber- and copper-based distribution systems, wireless-based systems and infrastructure that supports the transportation of information and associated signaling between and among communications and information gathering devices.

BICSI provides information, education and knowledge assessment for individuals and companies in the ITS industry. We serve more than 23,000 ITS professionals, including designers, installers and technicians. These individuals provide the

fundamental infrastructure for telecommunications, audio/video, life safety and automation systems. Through courses, conferences, publications and professional registration programs, BICSI staff and volunteers assist ITS professionals in delivering critical products and services, and offer opportunities for continual improvement and enhanced professional stature.

Headquartered in Tampa, Florida, USA, BICSI membership spans nearly 90 countries. For more information, visit www.bicsi.org.

About CSI

CSI is a national association dedicated to creating standards and formats to improve construction documents and project delivery. The organization is unique in the industry in that its members are a cross-section of specifiers, architects, engineers, contractors and building materials suppliers. The organization has 146 chapters and more than 14,000 members. Monthly Chapter meetings allow members the opportunity to communicate openly with their counterparts and exchange information for successful project management. CSI is renowned in the industry for its rigorous certification programs for professionals seeking to improve their knowledge of accurate and concise construction documents. CSI provides continuing education, professional conferences and product shows. For more information, visit www.csinet.org, or call (800) 689-2900.

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