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**BUILDEX CHICAGO RETURNS TO THE MERCHANDISE MART
*New for 2011 – The BOMA/Chicago Annual Trade Show to be held
Concurrently with Buildex Chicago***

BOMA/Chicago Show will be Co-located with Buildex Chicago, May 10-11

CHICAGO (February 14, 2011) – Buildex Chicago returns to The Merchandise Mart, May 10-11, 2011, and for the first-time ever BOMA/Chicago's annual trade show will be held in conjunction with Buildex. Now in its second year at The Mart, Buildex is an exhibition and conference for real estate professionals in Chicago and the Midwest who oversee the operation, management, maintenance and retrofit of all types of buildings, including: office, retail, industrial, multi-unit residential, condominiums, hospitality, educational, healthcare, government and institutional.

New this year, the annual BOMA/Chicago Show, which features exhibitors who specialize in providing products and services that building managers and operators use most, will be co-located with Buildex. The BOMA/Chicago Show features exhibitors focusing on everything from products and services geared towards local Chicago properties, to national companies with expertise in serving all types of facilities.

"The annual Trade Show provides affiliate members of BOMA/Chicago an opportunity to present their products and services to leading property management professionals from throughout the Chicago metropolitan region and beyond," said Michael Cornicelli, BOMA/Chicago Executive Vice President. "We look forward to merging our annual event into Buildex."

Buildex will once again bring together the latest products, technologies, services, and solutions, from leading suppliers and associations in Chicago and the Midwest. Attendees and exhibitors have the opportunity to attend a comprehensive line-up of seminars, with expert advice on an array of issues from tenant communications to reducing operating costs.

“Buildex Chicago truly delivers the ‘who’s who’ of the real estate and property management fields,” said Mark Falanga, Senior Vice President of MMPI. “The joining of Buildex and the BOMA/Chicago Show will ensure that attendees will have the opportunity to not only explore a wide variety of the newest products and services in their industry, but also cutting-edge seminars with speakers who have their finger on the pulse of what is currently happening in the building industry. It is a must-attend show for anyone in the real estate management field. ”

Supporting organizations of Buildex Chicago include BOMA/Chicago, United States Green Building Council Illinois (USGBC-Illinois), International Facility Management Association (IFMA), The Delta Institute, Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM) and the Chicago Department of Buildings.

MMPI currently produces Buildex through its Canadian division in conjunction with the Chicago-based sales and marketing teams for Buildex Chicago. Buildex has been Canada’s leading property management industry and real estate management tradeshow for over 20 years, with shows in both Toronto and Vancouver. In the last decade, Buildex was launched in Calgary, Edmonton, and Seattle, WA, and has proved enormously successful. As Canada’s largest group of annual property management expositions and conferences, the Buildex family of shows facilitates the exchange of ideas, best practices, and product knowledge that provide owners and managers with strategies and cost effective solutions for managing and operating all types of buildings.

About MMPI

MMPI is a trade show and property management firm, specializing in managing buildings devoted to wholesale showrooms and commercial office space. MMPI produces more than 300 trade shows, market events and conferences each year.

MMPI manages The Merchandise Mart and 350 West Mart Center in Chicago; Market Square, the Suites at Market Square, Hamilton Market, Plaza Suites, Furniture Plaza and the National Furniture Mart in High Point, N.C.; the Architects & Designers Building, 7 W New York, and Piers 92 & 94 in New York City; the Boston Design Center in Boston; the L.A. Mart in Los Angeles; the Washington Design Center in Washington DC.

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ABOUT BOMA CHICAGO:

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Chicago (“BOMA/Chicago”) is the premier trade association representing the commercial office building industry in Chicago. As of fall 2010, BOMA/Chicago building membership included 264 commercial office, institutional, and public buildings, constituting 125 million square feet of rentable office space. This totals more than 80% of all the commercial square footage in downtown Chicago. And, building members make up more than 90% of downtown Chicago’s Class A office buildings and more than 85% of the Class B office buildings. Members include such iconic buildings as Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower), John Hancock Center, Aon Building, Merchandise Mart and many more. BOMA/Chicago also is comprised of 176 allied members, which are suppliers and professionals that provide goods and services to office buildings.

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