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Sarbanes Focuses on Green Energy Initiatives during Annapolis Visit

Annapolis, MD—Congressman John Sarbanes (MD-3) visited BOMI International's headquarters in Annapolis to acknowledge the education institute's 40th year in business and its mission to educate and train property and facility managers.

Sarbanes, a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, stated in an address to BOMI International's 45 employees that he is "focused on green building methods and working on legislation to promote green buildings and green management." He connected these initiatives with the ongoing work of BOMI International, its property and facility management students, and its more than 20,000 graduates.

BOMI International is ideally suited to promote green building property and facility management practices. The US Green Building Council has approved ten BOMI International courses for Continuing Education credits towards the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Credential Maintenance Program.

Sarbanes challenged the company to "jump start a lot of these green initiatives and broaden your reach in the number of people you train." In response, employees advised Sarbanes of a new BOMI International partnership with AbilityOne/NISH in Vienna, Va. The new partnership will train and certify 300 significantly disabled veterans as Systems Maintenance Technicians (SMT®). After the SMT® training, veterans will be equipped with the skills to manage energy-efficient, environmentally sound, cost-effective building systems, including specific operating systems.

About AbilityOne/NISH

The AbilityOne/NISH mission is to create employment opportunities for people with significant disabilities.

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About BOMI International

BOMI International is the premier international provider of educational products and services to the property and facility management industries. As the Independent Institute for Property and Facility Management Education, BOMI International is a not-for-profit educational institute dedicated to improving the skills of professionals with property, facility, and systems responsibilities. BOMI International is known for industry-standard designations—the Real Property Administrator (RPA[®]), the Facilities Management Administrator (FMA[®]), the Systems Maintenance Administrator (SMA[®]), and the Systems Maintenance Technician (SMT[®]). More than 20,000 building professionals hold one or more BOMI International designations, and over 80,000 students have turned to BOMI International for premier education and training. For more information, or to register with BOMI International, e-mail service@bomi.org, visit www.bomi.org, or call 800.235.BOMI (2664).

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