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CELEBRATE WORLD PLUMBING DAY – MARCH 11

The Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada is very proud to join the World Plumbing Council in celebrating the first official “**World Plumbing Day**” on **March 11, 2010**. World Plumbing Day recognizes “*the role which the plumbing industry plays in relation to health through the provision of safe water and sanitation,*” and the “*environmental role of the industry in water conservation, energy efficiency, and the increasing use of renewable resources.*”

This annual event has been established to help the general public better understand the vital role the plumbing industry plays in protecting public health and safety, the extent to which it helps limit mankind's environmental footprint and other important work performed by contractors, inspectors, installers, engineers, manufacturers and academicians that is often taken for granted. The inaugural event will be formally announced during a press conference at the ISH China Trade Show in Beijing, China. Organizations in Canada are encouraged to promote World Plumbing Day and can find information regarding organized events on the website at www.worldplumbingday.org.

NEW SUPERVISORS TRAINING COURSE - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The first complete offering of the **CMCEF Supervisory Training Program** will take place this spring in Cambridge, ON. The seven-day course will be delivered in two parts. Week 1 – April 6-9 and Week 2 will take place a month later, May 12-14. The program has received 8 Gold Seal Accreditation points.

Topics covered include, but are not limited to:

- **Planning a project**, to include an understanding of the phases of construction, the staffing issues associated with construction, and the documents and protocols governing the construction process.
- **Executing the work**, emphasizing the importance of having key project controls in place to assist in managing the job site as the work is being performed as well as the techniques for maintaining jobsite harmony.
- **Monitoring the work**, stressing an understanding of the elements and importance of monitoring the project as the construction progresses from start-up through to close-out.
- **Closing-out a project**, providing an understanding of the steps involved in closing out a project and stressing the importance it has for future projects.

There is limited enrolment for this program and immediate registration is recommended. To download the brochure simply [click here](#) or go to the CMCEF website at www.cmcef.org. More courses will be available this fall. If you are interested in bringing this program to your city, please contact your local MCA office or CMCEF at 613-232-5169 or email cmcef@cmcef.org. If there is enough interested participants, a program can be scheduled for your region.

CMX – CIPHEX 2010 TRADE SHOW – MARCH 25 - 27, 2010

Register today for Canada's national trade show for the air conditioning, heating, hearth, plumbing, piping, refrigeration and ventilation industries. Connect with 13,000+ peers and customers. Enjoy more than 500 exhibits as well as 30 exclusive seminars on new technologies, trends, codes and regulations. Who should attend? Plumbing, HVAC & mechanical contractors, installers, technicians, wholesalers, builders, renovators, specifiers, engineers, architects, designers, building owners, building managers, government personnel, manufacturers reps, retailers, journalists, teachers & students. For information call 800-282-0003, email cmxciphex@salshow.com or visit the website at www.cmxciphexshow.com.

BIM COUNCIL CLOSE TO DEAL WITH U.S. PARTNER

Building Information Modeling - The Canada BIM Council is close to finalizing a memorandum of agreement with its American counterpart, the Building Smart Alliance of the United States. The council said the agreement will allow the two organizations “to freely exchange” information, standards, protocols, BIM-related contract language and procurement guidelines to ensure there is no duplication of efforts. MCA Canada is represented on the BIM Council by member Al Prowse of H. Griffiths Company Ltd. (Source Daily Commercial News, March 2, 2010)

WARNING TO CONTRACTORS BIDDING ON INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS PROJECTS

In order to be eligible to receive funding under the federal infrastructure stimulus programs, organizations had to ensure their projects would be completed no later than March 31, 2011. The Federal Government and Provincial Governments continue to state that they will not pay any amount after that date. You are encouraged to read a cautionary note for contractors by the Canadian Construction Association. [CCA Bulletin on Stimulus Program Deadline](#). (Source: CCA Weekly)