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BOMA Applauds International Code Council Merger

Washington, DC – The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International, a lead advocate for a single, unified family of building codes, applauds the International Code Council (ICC) for the successful merger of the three regional model code groups into a single organization. “Merger of the three model code groups into one ICC organization has been supported by BOMA for several years because we believe this is the best way to insure ICC prospers and continues to provide the codes and standards BOMA members depend upon” said BOMA President Larry F. Soehren.

In 1994, the International Code Council (ICC) was established with the goal of developing one comprehensive and coordinated set of model construction codes for the U.S. and beyond. That goal was realized with the publication of the 2000 editions of the ICC family of coordinated codes. “BOMA worked closely with the ICC member organizations – the Building Officials and Code Administrators International (BOCA), the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), and the Southern Building Code Congress International (SBCCI) – to achieve this mutual goal. The next step in the process of achieving a more consistent and reasonable regulation of the commercial real estate industry has now been taken with the unification of the three regional code organizations. This will help to insure the international marketplace moves toward standardization in building performance and code requirements with a single set of codes that is responsive to this ever-changing competitive marketplace.” said Soehren.

BOMA policy supports adoption of the ICC codes – the only available set of coordinated model codes for the built environment - as a means of achieving more consistent, and more reasonable, regulation of the commercial real estate industry.”

Founded in 1907, the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International is a dynamic international federation of 107 local associations. The 18,900 members of BOMA International own or manage more than nine billion square feet of downtown and suburban commercial properties and facilities in North America and abroad. For more information, visit the BOMA International Web site at www.boma.org.

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