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PIMA Lauds Linkage of Code and Standards in Stimulus Bill as Performance Criteria

Bethesda, MD – The Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association today praised the U.S. Congress for including language in the stimulus bill that conditions the State Energy Program grant money on the stated intentions of state and local governments to adopt and enforce building energy codes in the future. The bill specifically recommends states upgrade their energy codes to be consistent with the most recently published International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2007.

The legislation also provides \$6.3 billion for state energy-efficiency and renewable energy efforts under State Energy Program (SEP) grants and under the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant program.

“PIMA and its member are gratified that the U.S. Congress has recognized the heightened importance of energy efficiency performance to the overall success of the stimulus bill in creating jobs and improving the nation’s energy infrastructure.” noted Jared Blum, President of PIMA.

The IECC® is a model energy building code produced by the International Code Council® (ICC®). It is referred to as a “model” code because it was developed through a public hearing process by national experts under the direction of the ICC. The code contains minimum energy efficiency provisions for residential and commercial buildings, offering both prescriptive- and performance-based approaches.

ASHRAE (The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers) Standard 90.1 – 2007 is the national model energy code for commercial buildings. In 2007, ASHRAE announced an increase to the minimum required prescriptive R-value (resistance to heat flow) for roof and wall insulation levels for the first time in over 19 years.

For more information, please see the PIMA website at www.polyiso.org.

About PIMA

For over 20 years, the Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA) has served as the unified voice of the rigid polyiso industry proactively advocating for safe, cost-effective, sustainable and energy efficient construction. PIMA’s members, who first came together in 1987, include a synergistic partnership of polyiso manufacturers and industry suppliers. Polyiso is one of the Nation’s most widely used and cost-effective insulation products available.