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NSSEA and CEFPI Partner to Provide Education at the School Equipment Show

Strategic Partnership Designates CEFPI as an Education Provider at the 2011 Event in San Antonio

(Silver Spring, MD and Scottsdale, AZ)—The [National School Supply and Equipment Association](#) (NSSEA) and the [Council of Educational Facility Planners International](#) (CEFPI) announced today that they have formed a strategic partnership to jointly develop and promote educational sessions at the 2011 School Equipment Show, taking place November 30-December 2, 2011 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. The School Equipment Show is the annual gathering for the facilities marketplace and features hundreds of companies with innovative products for the classroom of the future on display during the 2 ½ day event.

“We are delighted to be working with CEFPI to deliver top quality content to our show attendees,” says Jim McGarry, President/CEO of NSSEA. “CEFPI is a recognized leader in training and professional development and a leader in terms of promoting best practices in creative school planning.”

“As the education market continues to see challenges in the midst of the ongoing economic recovery, it is imperative that organizations such as CEFPI and NSSEA work together in any aspect that will further the goals of our respective members,” says John Ramsey, Executive Director/CEO of CEFPI. “We are excited about working with NSSEA and their members to help bring solutions to the classroom that will contribute to healthy, high performing, and sustainable schools for children everywhere.”

As part of their partnership, NSSEA and CEFPI will collaborate on the educational programming for the facility planner and architect community at the 2011 School Equipment Show. Attendees will pay one low event registration and have their choice of numerous sessions that help school facilities operate at peak efficiency and in an environmentally-sound manner. In addition, the School Equipment Show will include two General Sessions. The first general session will take

place on November 30 and an official from the Department of Education has been invited to share information on the Green Ribbon Schools program. This presentation will be followed by a high level panel discussion moderated by the USGBC on how decision makers in the specification and purchase of school furniture, fixtures and equipment can play a significant role in expanding the number of green products available in school facilities. The second general session on December 1 will focus on the evolving trends in education and design, and will be presented by industry insider Deb Moore, Executive Editor/Publisher of *School Planning & Management* magazine. This session will look at the current trends in construction and design, the latest research on the learning environment, the role furniture plays in creating an effective learning environment, and other forces that will drive future school design.

About the National School Supply and Equipment Association (NSSEA)

The National School Supply and Equipment Association (NSSEA) promotes an open marketplace for quality educational products and services that lay the foundation for a stimulating environment for teaching and learning. NSSEA's mission is to serve the educational products marketplace by providing high quality trade shows that increase the productivity of the channel; networking opportunities to build relationships with trading partners; and market information on which to make solid business decisions. For more information, visit www.nssea.org.

About the Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI)

The Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI) is the only professional organization whose principal purpose is improving the places where children learn. CEFPI embraces a diverse group of professionals with one single goal – building healthy, safe, high performance and sustainable learning environments that enhance student and teacher performance and support culture and community vitality. To learn more, visit www.cefpi.org.

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