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ERA Presents at 2007 RCI Convention

ALEXANDRIA, VA. April 18, 2007 – The EPDM Roofing Association (ERA) announced that its technical consultant, Tom Hutchinson, was a featured presenter at the 22nd International Convention and Trade Show hosted by RCI, Incorporated, the international association of professional consultants, architects, and engineers who specialize in the specification and design of roofing, waterproofing and building envelope systems.

The convention was held in Orlando, Fla., from March 1-6, 2007, at the Rosen Shingle Resort. The presentation, titled, “Environmentally Sensitive & Energy Conscious Roofs,” dealt with the need for roofing consultants to provide their clients with effective solutions to the growing problem of rising energy costs.

“As consultants we need current and truthful information, appropriate advice, and project assistance as well as relations building,” Hutchinson said in his opening comments at the presentation. “We should realize there are no set answers – only opportunities that exist for the future.”

In addition to his consultant’s role with ERA, Hutchinson is currently a principal in Hutchinson Design Group, Ltd.; First Vice President of RCI Inc. – The Institute of Roofing, Waterproofing, and Building Envelope Professionals. He is also a Certified Energy Professional in the City of Chicago and Secretary of the CIB/RILEM International Joint Committee on "Roof Materials and Systems". Hutchinson is a member of AIA, CSI, RCI, NRCA, ASTM Committee D-8 on Roofing, Waterproofing & Bituminous Materials and past President of the Barrington Rotary and Region Director of RCI.

With more than 40 years of success as a roof system of choice for low slope applications, EPDM is the leading roofing choice of architects, roof consultants and contractors for both new construction and replacement roofing projects, with more than 20 billion square feet of EPDM roof installed on more than 500,000 warranted roofs.

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