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WattStopper's Steve Karg Presented with Award for Outstanding Contributions to the BACnet Community

SANTA CLARA, CA November 2011 – At this year's Facilities Decisions Conference & Expo, WattStopper Senior Engineer Steve Karg was presented with the German Shepherd award by BACnet International. BACnet International presented the award as part of its annual "Leaders of the Pack" program to recognize the achievements of individuals and companies involved in the BACnet community. The Award Ceremony took place during the 2011 Facility Decisions Conference & Expo on October 11-12, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV.

Andy McMillan, President of BACnet International and General Manager of Philips Teletrol explained that Karg was recognized because, "like a Swiss Army Knife, Steve Karg applies his varied skills to help produce the best that the BACnet community has to offer. McMillan continued, "Please join me in thanking and congratulating Steve and his WattStopper colleagues for their dedication to BACnet International and the BACnet standard." The German Shepherd award is given to an individual who is known for keeping the group in line and upholding the BACnet Standards.

Karg, who has worked on the BACnet standard for close to a decade, currently leads the BACnet Lighting Applications Working Group. The group is presently reviewing public comments on its Lighting Output object project. Karg comments, "It is important that lighting control manufacturers embrace open networking protocols, and make use of the standard network interfaces, messaging services, and objects. Doing this speeds product development and gives customers more flexibility and options when it comes to interfacing and building control."

In November, Karg will participate in the BACnet's 2011 Interoperability Workshop in Atlanta, GA. He will demonstrate multi-vendor interfacing, including WattStopper Digital Lighting Management products, and teach a workshop.

WattStopper (www.wattstopper.com), a Legrand group brand, is a leading manufacturer of energy efficient lighting controls for commercial and residential use. We help customers find convenient ways to save energy, meet green initiatives, and comply with energy codes with our comprehensive range of products, programs, and services. Legrand (www.legrandelectric.com), located in Limoges, France, is the world specialist in products and systems for electrical installations and information networks, offering solutions for use in residential, commercial and industrial buildings.

About BACnet® International

BACnet International is an industry association that facilitates the successful use of the BACnet protocol in building automation and control systems through interoperability testing, educational programs, and promotional activities. The BACnet standard was developed by ASHRAE and has been made publicly available so that manufacturers can create interoperable systems of products. BACnet International complements the work of the ASHRAE standards committee and BACnet-related interest groups around the world. BACnet International members include building owners, consulting engineers and facility managers, as well as companies involved in the design, manufacturing installation, commissioning, and maintenance of control equipment that uses BACnet for communication. For more information, please visit www.bacnetinternational.org.

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