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Local Energy Managers for Office and Apartment Buildings to Share Challenges, Success Stories on Energy Management and Conservation

Washington, DC – At its first meeting on April 9, the Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington’s **Energy Managers Roundtable** brought together executives responsible for energy management and conservation in local office and apartment buildings. The peer-group forum, comprised of more than 40 representatives, will share best practices regarding energy management issues, equipment and vendors, and will explore new technologies in energy efficiency.

Bill Clark, Director of Operations for Blake Real Estate, and **Eric Freitag**, Director of Maintenance for Scott Management, agreed to serve as co-chairs of the new Roundtable, which will meet quarterly.

AOBA established the Energy Managers Roundtable to help meet the needs of its property owners and managers, who face rising energy costs -- the largest operating expense for most buildings, and who are striving to make their buildings as environmentally sustainable as possible.

In addition to the Roundtable, AOBA is currently undertaking several new green initiatives. These include: undertaking a comprehensive case study on energy efficiency in a multifamily residential building; building a Going Green website that will outline all related, local regulations and incentives; and hosting a Greening Existing Buildings” conference and exhibit center on Sept 25, 2008.

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