SALEM, N.Y. (June 11, 2009) - The National Elevator Industry, Inc. (NEII) has announced it will continue its series of webinars on the Performance Based Code for Elevator Safety with a third installment to be held live on October 13, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. EDT.

Co-sponsored by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and the National Association of Elevator Safety Authorities International (NAESA International), the webinar will educate government officials and legislators at all levels, media, NEII members, and any interested parties on the requirements and components of the recently implemented ASME A17.7/CSA B44.7 code.

"We received a tremendously positive response from the industry on the first two PBC webinar presentations," said Ed Donoghue, managing director, NEII. "While our members have clearly benefitted from the webinars, we're pleased to open this forum to a wider audience and provide more people with a fuller understanding of the elevator safety code and its benefits."

The October webinar will allow participants to learn from leading experts in the field about the aims and advantages of the PBC code, as well as the facets of its implementation. Published in 2007, the PBC is a companion code to the existing safety code that provides a structured and uniform method for approving new elevator technology while ensuring elevator safety. By doing so, the code allows a more efficient approval process for both manufacturers and Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs), and helps advance elevator transport throughout North America. This event will also count as .1 CEU towards maintenance of qualification for NAESA International certified inspectors.

Says Donoghue, "This is an open invitation for those interested in the PBC to increase their understanding of the code and have their questions addressed in real time by experts. The webinar is an invaluable means for presenting the elements of the new code step by step, and we hope many people will take advantage of this learning opportunity."

Lou Bialy, director of codes & standards for Otis Elevator and chair of NEII's Central Code Committee, and Ed Donoghue, NEII Administrator and author of the ASME A17.1/CSA B44 Handbook will lead this free webinar. For more information on the PBC webinar, or to register for the event, visit the NEII web site www.neii.org.

About NEII

The National Elevator Industry, Inc. is a national trade association that represents the interests of corporations, firms or companies that, as part of their regular business, manufacture elevators, escalators, or moving walks (including parts and components); or install, repair and maintain related equipment. Trust membership is available to those corporations, firms, or companies who, as part of their regular business, employ members of the International Union of Elevator Constructors (IUEC) and contribute to the benefit trusts (Trusts) established by agreements between the IUEC and NEII. NEII promotes safe building transportation and works with various organizations on the formation, adoption and enforcement of the latest codes and standards. For more information about NEII, log www.neii.org.

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