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NLBMDA Releases 2011 National Policy Agenda for the Building Supply Industry

[Washington, DC] - The National Lumber and Building Material Industry (NLBMDA) today released its national legislative and regulatory policy agenda for 2011. In it, NLBMDA calls on Congress to encourage financial institutions to renew lending activity that will spur new home construction while also encouraging the need to review federal rules and regulations that stifle job creation, among other things.

"With Congress kicking off the 112th Congress already focused on reviewing and possibly eliminating burdensome regulations, NLBMDA stands ready to work with policymakers to roll back the red tape and costly mandates that have hampered our economic recovery," said Joe Collings, NLBMDA Chairman and CEO of Ferguson Lumber in Rockville, Indiana. "It is essential that Congress focus on job creation and sound fiscal policies that will restore housing as the cornerstone to our strong national economy. We look forward to working with Congress to pass common-sense, pro-growth policies that will put the building supply industry and our national economy back on the path to recovery."

NLBMDA will continue to advance pro-business policies that will strengthen small businesses and protect the many multi-generational family-owned businesses in the industry. The association's agenda includes statements on housing, legal reform, workforce policy, tax policy, product supply, transportation and energy.

NLBMDA's 2011 National Policy Agenda will be distributed to members of Congress and key Administration officials and can be [downloaded by clicking here](#).

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The National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association (NLBMDA) represents its members in the national public policy arena, with emphasis on efforts to 1) promote the industry and educate legislators and public policy personnel; and 2) assist legislative, regulatory, standard-setting and other government or private bodies in the development of laws, regulations and policies affecting lumber and building material dealers, its customers and suppliers. Founded in 1917, the association has over 6,000 members operating single or multiple lumber yards and component plants serving homebuilders, subcontractors, general contractors, and consumers in the new construction, repair and remodeling of residential and light commercial.