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IAPMO Partners with USAID Standards Alliance to Help Bring Plumbing Code to Indonesia

Ontario, Calif. (Oct. 3, 2013) – The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO®), in collaboration with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), has received a \$204,880 grant as part of a United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Standards Alliance project to assist officials in Indonesia in adopting, implementing and enforcing a plumbing code.

A U.S.-sponsored technical assistance facility, the Standards Alliance provides technical and financial resources to advance reforms that help businesses participate in the global trading system while building the capacity of developing countries to implement the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.

IAPMO's project, Water for Indonesia Now (WIN), is one of the first major projects to be funded by the Standards Alliance. The project is critical to helping Indonesia address clean water and effective sanitation issues that are integral to public health and future economic growth. Throughout the process, IAPMO will work with Indonesian officials in developing best practices associated with effective national standards bodies, including transparent and participatory standards-setting processes.

The project builds off of USAID's "Good Regulatory Practice (GRP): Shared Experiences of the United States and Indonesia" workshop earlier this year, which IAPMO participated in with the United States Trade Representative and the National Standardization Agency of Indonesia (BSN).

Additionally, IAPMO recently received a grant from the U.S. Commerce Department's International Trade Administration (ITA) that is intended to increase the competitiveness of the U.S. plumbing supplies industry abroad. IAPMO's efforts will help open the door to U.S. manufacturers in Indonesia by aligning its market access requirements with those of the world at large — just as IAPMO's previous code development and/or certification programs have done in India and Australia.

Founded in Los Angeles in 1926, IAPMO has grown to be recognized the world over for its *Uniform Codes*. With offices in 12 U.S. states and 13 countries, IAPMO has assisted with code development all over the world, and provisions from its *Uniform Plumbing Code*® protect more than half the world's population. For more information, visit www.iapmo.org.

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