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C.H. BRIGGS COMPANY’S CEO INVITED TO WHITE HOUSE

Julia Klein in Attendance for President Obama’s Remarks on the First Anniversary
of the Passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

READING, PA, February 23, 2010 – Julia Klein, CEO of C.H. Briggs Company, one of the largest independently owned distributors of interior and specialty building products in the United States, was one of 70 business owners from across the country invited to the White House February 17th for President Obama and Vice President Biden’s remarks on the importance of the Stimulus program on our economy. This meeting marked the first anniversary of the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

C.H. Briggs has not been the direct recipient of any Stimulus dollars, but has benefited as investments have been made in public housing, military housing and hospitals, VA hospitals, and base relocation and consolidation projects. “We are a living example of the multiplier effect that the Stimulus effort can have through the supply chain,” said Klein. “A hospital gets refurbished, architects and general contractors get hired, a subcontractor gets picked up to build the interiors, C.H. Briggs gets the supply order and in turn, we order from factories and we all keep people working.”

A diverse range of people and industries were represented at the meeting including a paving contractor, a director of a chemical and materials manufacturer, an IT consultant, an aerospace software company owner and law enforcement officers, among others.

“I was ready with a question about the credit markets and banks not lending – a huge issue for our customers and vendors throughout the construction industry, however President Obama did not take questions from the audience,” said Klein. “In all, this was a great experience and encouraging for small and mid-size companies across the country.”

C.H. Briggs markets and distributes specialty building materials. Founded in 1969 and operating in North America, C.H. Briggs offers a wide range of innovative products and services in hardware, board and surfacing materials. The company is the preferred sourcing partner for creators and users of commercial and residential interior building spaces. For more information, visit the company's website at <http://www.chbriggs.com>.

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