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**Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel Welcomes BUILDINGChicago
and Greening the Heartland to Chicago's September Roster of Events**
Supports Opportunities for Sharing Best Practices in Green Building

Arlington Heights, IL (June 12, 2013) — Mayor Rahm Emanuel, a nationally recognized proponent of innovative environmental initiatives, has issued a supportive welcoming letter to the September 9-11, 2013 events, BUILDINGChicago and Greening the Heartland.

The program features more than 65 sessions, workshops and keynote addresses. All sessions will offer AIA, CES and GBCI credits and will focus on sustainable design, building information modeling (BIM), hospital and education-sector construction projects, and more. BUILDINGChicago and Greening the Heartland will be held at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza, North America's largest LEED Gold Certified hotel.

Mayor Emanuel notes that both events run parallel with the city's "Building a New Chicago" initiative, which includes retrofitting buildings, revitalizing bridges, repairing roads and renewing parks. The program also reinforces the city's "Sustainable Chicago" plan, which sets 24 specific goals and identifies necessary key actions to realize those goals by 2015.

The 10th Annual Midwest Greening the Heartland expo and conference, owned by the U.S. Green Building Council – Illinois Chapter, opens the schedule on September 9 and continues on September 10. The inaugural BUILDINGChicago expo and conference opens on September 10 and continues on September 11. BUILDINGChicago is owned by Scranton Gillette Communications and SGC Horizon, publishers of *Building Design+Construction*.

For attendees or exhibitors to register, or find more information on conference seminars, visit www.buildingchicagoexpo.com; or contact Harry Urban at hurban@sgcmail.com; 847.954.7928.

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