

WASHINGTON, DC—October 10, 2008— NADCA – The HVAC Inspection, Maintenance and Restoration Association says that October is “Time to Vent” for homeowners and building managers. In other words, it’s a good time of year to take the vent cover off of your heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system and take a look inside to see how dirty the duct work that brings the air to your lungs has gotten over the past year.

NADCA’s rule of thumb for consumers is that “if your ducts look dirty, they probably are,” and that dirty HVAC systems should be inspected by a reputable, certified HVAC professional. While dirty ducts don’t necessarily mean unhealthy air in your home, school or workplace, they may be contributing to larger health issues or harboring contaminants that could cause serious problems for people with respiratory health conditions, autoimmune disorders or some environmental allergies.

“If your house were a body, the HVAC system would be its lungs,” says John Schulte, executive director of NADCA. “Once a year, take the time to give your duct work a quick once-over to see if you may need a professional inspection.”

Consumers can find more information about HVAC inspection and cleaning, including contact information for certified inspection and cleaning professionals in their area, at www.NADCA.com.

B&F Power Vac Furnace and Air Duct Cleaning of Lewiston, Idaho were among the outstanding companies receiving the NADCA safety award.

Washington, D.C.) NADCA – The HVAC Inspection, Maintenance and Restoration Association recognized 54 companies as winners of the 2007 Safety Awards. Twenty-six companies were given the 2007 Outstanding Safety Award and 28 companies received the 2007 Safety Award. Winners of the Outstanding Safety Award have maintained workplaces with little or no instances of employee injuries for three or more consecutive years.

Matt Mongiello, co-chair of NADCA’s Education & Safety Committee, said, “The success of a company depends not only on production and sales, but also how safely each job is performed. There is no job so important – nor any service so urgent – that we cannot make time to work safely.

“Establishment of a safe environment is the shared responsibility between a contractor and its employees at all levels of an organization. Achieving the goal of accident prevention and health preservation is an admirable feat and shows the commitment of a company dedicated to excellence,” added Mongiello, of Interior Maintenance Company in Lansdowne, Pa.

The requirements for NADCA’s Safety Awards are based on standards from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). In order to complete the Safety Awards Application, a company must maintain an OSHA #300A Log in accordance with record keeping requirements under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

The National Air Duct Cleaners Association created the NADCA Safety Awards Program to recognize those companies that have sustained superior employee safety and health program results. The NADCA Safety Awards Program is offered every year.