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Exclusive Infrastructure Report: Equipment Markets to be Deeply Impacted

Washington insiders addressed how highway reauthorization will affect equipment distributors.

San Diego, Calif. – The outcome of the looming congressional debate over economic stimulus and highway reauthorization will have a major impact on the construction equipment industry for years to come.

On Jan. 17, during AED's 90th Annual Meeting, a panel of high-profile Washington insiders addressed economic stimulus, the looming highway funding deficit, highway program reauthorization, the prospect of huge increases in water infrastructure funding, and what the government's decisions will mean to the equipment distribution markets this year and for the next decade.

In addition to an exclusive video address to the equipment industry by House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Chairman **James Oberstar** (D-MN), the speakers at this exclusive infrastructure forum included:

- **Jack Schenendorf**, vice-chairman of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission and a former chief of staff to the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. Schenendorf will discuss the Commission's findings about, and proposed solutions to, the nation's transportation infrastructure crisis and provide insights about the politics surrounding the 2009 highway reauthorization.
- **Dr. Bill Buechner**, vice president for economics and research at the American Road and Transportation Builders Association. Buechner, one of the nation's leading construction economists, will provide "where the rubber meets the road" analysis about how and when stimulus and reauthorization will impact equipment markets.
- **Janet Kavinoky**, director of transportation and infrastructure at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Kavinoky is the Chamber's senior lobbyist and policy expert on all transportation infrastructure issues and serves as the executive director of the Americans for Transportation Mobility. Kavinoky will discuss why the business community is making highway reauthorization a top priority and how the Chamber is cooperating with groups like AED to influence the debate.

The AED Annual Meeting infrastructure forum was a project of AED's Highway Infrastructure Taskforce.

About AED

AED is an association of independent distributors, manufacturers and other organizations involved in the distribution of construction equipment and related products and services in North America and throughout the world. AED members sell, service and rent equipment to markets that include heavy and light construction, mining, agriculture, forestry, aggregates, engines and industrial.

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