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**CHICAGO AHR EXPO SURPASSES  
2008 NEW YORK SHOW IN SIZE**

**WESTPORT, Connecticut...January 9, 2009** — Despite the turbulent economy, the 2009 AHR EXPO® promises to be one of the biggest events in the Show’s history. The 61<sup>st</sup> edition of the world’s largest HVAC/R trade show has already surpassed the highly successful 2008 New York Show in two key categories.

To date, over 1,900 exhibiting companies will display products across 395,000 square feet of space at Chicago’s McCormick Place. These totals surpass those of the record-breaking 2008 AHR EXPO ([www.ahrexpo.com](http://www.ahrexpo.com)) held in New York City where 1,757 exhibiting companies occupied 363,405 square feet of space, both of which are Northeast Show records and ranked among the top five largest events.

Although the 2009 event may end up being slightly smaller than the record-breaking Chicago Show in 2006, Show management is very pleased that the recessionary economy hasn’t taken a bigger toll on this year’s Show.

“We believe AHR EXPO’s strength during these tough economic times reinforces the critical role the Show plays in keeping the industry informed and updated on the latest products, technologies and education,” said Clay Stevens, President of International Exposition Company, which produces and manages the AHR EXPO.

Stevens added that visitor pre-registration is strong which could make the 2009 event one of the top-five best attended yet.

The 2009 AHR EXPO will offer attendees the chance to see a wealth of new products and technologies for the first time, as well as attend 70 educational sessions and workshops presented by the industry's leading trade associations on a variety of topics ranging from achieving sustainability and energy reduction to 'best practices' and the latest trends and techniques in the HVAC/R industry.

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### **About the AHR EXPO**

As the largest and most comprehensive HVAC/R exposition, the AHR EXPO attracts tens of thousands of attendees from all facets of the industry, including contractors, engineers, dealers, distributors, wholesalers, OEMs, architects and builders, industrial plant operators, facility owners and managers, agents and reps.

Since 1930, the AHR EXPO has been the HVAC/R professional's best resource for new products, new ideas and new services. It's a hands-on, interactive event that showcases a wide spectrum of equipment, systems, and components. This unique industry forum creates a dynamic marketing environment unequalled in size and scope by any other industry event.

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