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Everyone With an Interest in Keeping Historic Windows,

On behalf of the *National Window Preservation Standards Collaborative* and the *Preservation Trades Network* I would like to thank you for taking a moment to read these materials about this important effort.

Last October, trades experts, window wrights and preservation educators created this collaborative to develop standards for the repair, restoration and weatherization of historic windows. The window replacement industry spends millions of dollars a year to convince architects, specifiers, contractors, homeowners and developers to replace rather than restore. In the past, this has put the preservation industry in a non-competitive position that has needlessly trashed millions of old and historic windows.

We are conducting this collaborative effort to create user friendly standards that also combine the best existing energy efficiency data as well as new air infiltration data we will be collecting at the summit described in the Narrative. I have also included a letter of endorsement for the project from The National Trust for Historic Preservation we sent to every State Historic Preservation Officer in the country.

Time is of the essence. We need to stop the demise of historic windows as soon as possible through education and data. If we are to believe the replacement window industry's claim of gross sales reaching 6 to 8 billion dollars a year, we are literally losing old and historic wood and steel casement windows at a rate of well over 2 million sashes a month.

Part of the reason for this is that all the quality energy efficiency data about retaining old and historic windows is scattered across the country and has never been gathered into any document which definitively demonstrates that keeping original sash is cost effective and energy efficient. Our effort will do just that as well as offer a menu of field tested repair and restoration alternatives.

So, we need to raise \$119,500 by the end of June, 2011 so we can have the Standards published and ready for sale by the fall of 2011. Many of you may have some discretionary funds that could be donated to the project and we are asking for donation from every preservation minded person we can identify in the country. If everyone with an interest in saving historic windows could donate a small amount it would make the project happen. We're specifically not taking money from any companies associated with preservation or the construction industry in order to keep the effort objective.

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All donations for the project go to the nationally respected 501 c3 preservation organization, Preservation Trades Network, who will monitor the distribution and record-keeping. The National Trust for Historic Preservation as well as The Old House Journal have endorsed the project

We hope we can count on you to help us with this critical endeavor.

Your donation will help in the creation of a national document that demonstrates window repair, restoration, and weatherization as a better alternative to replacement.

Levels of Involvement – Based on participation level, you will receive:

\$20 to \$99 A written mention on the PTN project website and in all written materials including the *Window Preservation Standards*

\$100 to \$499 One copy of the final *Window Preservation Standards* and a written mention on the PTN project website and in all written materials including the *Window Preservation Standards*

\$500 to \$1,999 Two copies of the final *Window Preservation Standards* and a written mention on the PTN project website and in all written materials including the *Window Preservation Standards*

\$2,000 to \$2,500 Four copies of the final *Window Preservation Standards* and your logo on the PTN project website and in all written materials including the *Window Preservation Standards*.

\$5,000 or more Four copies of the final Window Preservation Standards and your logo on PTN project website and in all written materials including the Window Preservation Standards.

At this level you will also have the opportunity to select one person as an "Observer" to send to the *Window Preservation Standards Summit* in Pine Mountain, Kentucky July 26, 27 & 28, 2011. (The "Observer" you pick will have to pay the \$350 registration and all travel expenses).

Please write & send your contribution checks to:

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Please contact me if you have any questions. On behalf of the Window Preservation Standards Collaborative and the Preservation Trades Network, I want to thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RC Yapp", is displayed on a light gray rectangular background.

Bob Yapp, Founding Member
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