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**NATIONAL PARKING ASSOCIATION PARTNERS WITH NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM TO PRESENT *HOUSE OF CARS: INNOVATION AND THE PARKING GARAGE***

**Washington, D.C. (Oct. 14, 2009)**— The National Parking Association (NPA) has partnered with the National Building Museum to present a groundbreaking exhibition titled *House of Cars: Innovation and the Parking Garage*. The exhibition opened in Washington, DC, on October 17, 2009, in conjunction with the NPA’s annual conference, and will be open to the public through July 11, 2010. In addition to serving as the Presenting Sponsor, the NPA will also provide many of the exhibit artifacts through loans and donations provided by its members.

“We are delighted to be partnering with the National Building Museum on this important exhibit,” said Martin Stein, president of the National Parking Association. “The evolution of the parking industry has transformed America. While most of us take parking structures for granted today, the history of parking is full of innovation and technological advances. This exhibition will celebrate those advances and their impact on our day-to-day lives.”

*House of Cars* is the first exhibition of its kind to explore parking garages and the parking industry. It will present the history of parking structures, from the first decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to the stylish and innovative buildings of today. The exhibition covers engineering, design, and the future of parking, and its dynamic design and ideas will engage the Museum’s visitors of all ages from around the country and the world.

The National Building Museum, created by an act of Congress in 1980, is a non-profit cultural institution dedicated to celebrating architecture, landscape architecture, design, engineering, construction, and urban planning. To learn more, please visit **[www.nbm.org](http://www.nbm.org)**.

*About the National Parking Association: The National Parking Association (NPA) is a network of companies comprised of parking industry professionals. NPA’s mission is to serve as a resource to the parking industry and its members by offering access to quality education, networking opportunities, products and services. For more information, go to [www.npapark.org](http://www.npapark.org).*

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