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## **DHI and ACBM Partner to Advance DHI conNextions**

DHI-Door Security + Safety Professionals (DHI) is pleased to announce a strategic partnership with AC Business Media (ACBM) to advance the door and hardware industry annual convention through its next stage of evolution to be known as *DHI conNextions - Door Security + Safety Conference and Exposition*. The long term strategic goal of this partnership is to evolve this 80 year old door and hardware industry event to comprise all aspects of door security and safety - products, supply channels, and all stakeholder audiences. This will include door, frame, mechanical and electronic security hardware and access control products, and all other door opening related products as part of the exposition. The constituents of this event will comprise manufacturers, contract hardware distributors, and other audiences involved with door security and safety, including design and specification consultants, and the end user/manager communities responsible for door security in their facilities.

"This partnership will now allow DHI to more clearly focus on its core competencies - education and certification - to meet our industry and members' needs" said DHI CEO Jerry Heppes, CAE. "To partner with an experienced business media company like ACBM to take *conNextions* to the next level of importance as a door security and safety industry event is a fantastic opportunity for both organizations."

ACBM Chairman and Co-Owner Anil Narang explains "We're confident our track record of success as a business to business media company with significant experience delivering industry-leading tradeshow will carry over to the growth of this well recognized event." Adds ACBM CEO and Co-Owner Carl Wistreich, "We highly value partnerships, as we are creating with DHI, combining our resources, experience and talent, to expand the reach and value of *conNextions* going forward to more exhibitors and attendees while providing the same high quality experience for past and present attendees and exhibitors and not making any core changes to an event that has an 80 year legacy."

As part of this new agreement effective July 21, 2017, ACBM will own and manage *conNextions* beginning with the 2018 event in Baltimore, May 9-11<sup>th</sup>. DHI will continue to provide conference programming at *conNextions* relevant to this ever expanding audience of attendees.

**About DHI** - DHI is an association proudly serving door security and safety professionals, and the dynamic companies they represent, in the non-residential construction industry. Through education, advocacy, accreditation and facilitated networking, we provide members with the collective intelligence to meet the security and safety needs of their customers. They are headquartered at 14150 Newbrook Dr. Suite 200, Chantilly, VA 20151. Contact by phone at 703-222-2010. [www.dhi.org](http://www.dhi.org)

**About ACBM** - AC Business Media is a leading business-to-business media and business intelligence company with a portfolio of renowned brands in heavy construction, asphalt, concrete, paving, rental, sustainability, landscape, manufacturing, logistics and supply chain markets. ACBM delivers relevant, cutting-edge content to its audiences through its industry-leading digital properties, trade shows, videos, magazines, webinars and newsletters and provides advertisers the analytics, data and ability to reach their target audience. They are headquartered at 201 N Main Street, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538. Contact by phone at 800-538-5544. [www.acbusinessmedia.com](http://www.acbusinessmedia.com)