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**Dryvit Systems, Inc. Selected to Represent Rhode Island at the  
Green Jobs Leadership Summit to be Held in Washington, DC**

(West Warwick, RI) –Dryvit Systems, Inc. has been selected by the United States Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee to represent the state of Rhode Island at the **Green Jobs Leadership Summit** that will take place June 17, 2009 in the Russell Senate Office Building in Washington, DC. Hosted by the Senate Democratic Caucus, the Summit will focus on creating clean energy jobs and supporting the new green economy. A keynote address will be delivered by Vice President Joe Biden.

Dryvit was nominated by Rhode Island Democratic Senator Sheldon Whitehouse because of the company's leadership in advancing building envelope construction methods that reduce energy use and greenhouse gases. At the Summit, Dryvit representatives will have the opportunity to meet with Senators from across the US and provide educational materials regarding Dryvit's energy-efficient Outsulation® Systems.

According to Tony Stall, Vice President of Marketing and Sustainability at Dryvit Systems, Inc., "As the leading US manufacturer of Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems, Dryvit is pleased to participate in the Senate Democratic Caucus Green Jobs Leadership Summit, and provide information to our legislators that will assist them in making smart decisions that can quickly and cost effectively reduce our Nation's reliance on non-renewable energy sources and reduce Green House Gas (GHG) emissions. Most importantly, thousands of people can be put to work using building envelope related green technologies that are proven and readily available today, and this work can begin on existing buildings as soon as funding is in place."

Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS) are highly energy efficient, and when incorporated into a well designed building envelope, can contribute to reducing both energy use and subsequent GHG release of a

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building by up to 40%. EIFS are used in commercial and residential construction, are ideal for renovating existing buildings, and provide maximum thermal and aesthetic improvement with little if any impact to the interior workspace, and are widely used in all climates.

EIFS have been evaluated in three separate analyses conducted by The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the DOE's Oak Ridge National Laboratory and shown to be superior to other cladding options in hygrothermal performance, energy efficiency, and Life Cycle costing. Using ASHRAE formulae, it can be inferred that a 2" EIFS provides the same effective energy efficiency as 8" of fiberglass batt insulation placed between the studs inside a wall cavity. Full documentation of these claims is available upon request, or at [www.dryvitisgreen.com](http://www.dryvitisgreen.com)

### **About Dryvit Systems, Inc.**

Dryvit Systems, Inc. ([www.dryvitisgreen.com](http://www.dryvitisgreen.com), [www.dryvit.com](http://www.dryvit.com)) is the leading North American manufacturer of Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS), a highly energy efficient cladding technology the company brought to the US from Europe in 1969. A Fortune 1,000 company, Dryvit operates all North American manufacturing facilities to both ISO 9001:2008 and 14001:2004 standards. Dryvit is a member of and actively engaged in many relevant construction related organizations such as AWCI, EIMA, NAHB, USGBC, AIA, CSI, and works both independently and within those organizations to promote energy efficient construction methods that create jobs, reduce reliance on non renewable energy sources, and reduce the carbon footprint of our nation's buildings.

A subsidiary of the more than \$3 billion industrial sealants and coatings brand holder RPM, Inc. of Medina, Ohio (NYSE:RPM), Dryvit is headquartered in West Warwick, Rhode Island and operates manufacturing facilities in Georgia, Oklahoma, California, Canada, Poland and China.