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**XX Apartment Association Calls all Maintenance Professionals to Battle for the National Championship**

**XXXXX (City), XX (State) -** Ask any property manager and they will tell you—property maintenance technicians are the backbone of the multifamily industry. Day-in and day-out, they keep our residents happy and our properties running smoothly.

In recognition of the valuable role they play, the National Apartment Association (NAA) commenced the seventh season of its nationwide maintenance competition, Maintenance Mania®, and the XXX apartment association said, “Bring on the heat!”

On XXX (date) the XX (apartment association) will host the XX annual Maintenance Mania® competition, presented by NAA and presenting sponsor HD Supply - a leading distributor of maintenance and renovation products, at the XXXX (location).

Consisting of eight maintenance-focused challenges, the competitors will test their maintenance skills and knowledge of the industry as they compete to earn the title of the *Maintenance Mania® National Champion.*

Racing against the clock, these highly skilled maintenance professionals will compete against each other to see who is the fastest at water heater installation, key control, faucet installation, icemaker installation, fire & carbon monoxide safety installation, toilet conversion, and ceiling fan installation. The finale of the event concludes with a race car competition, where the competitors build a model car using at least one maintenance product or part and race it down a pinewood derby-style track.

 “Maintenance professionals are essential to the success and viability of the multifamily housing industry,” said NAA President Doug Culkin, CAE. “NAA is extremely proud to be able to shine a light on such an outstanding group of individuals through the Maintenance Mania® program.”

The 2013-2014 Maintenance Mania® season kicked off in August and will continue through April 30, 2014, with an estimated 70 local events scheduled across the country.

 For more information on the XXX apartment association event, contact XXXX at (phone number) or (email). Visit XXX apartment association online at (URL).

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**ABOUT MAINTENANCE MANIA**

Maintenance Mania is a national competition where apartment maintenance technicians are able to compete against each other in various skill-based games focused on frequent maintenance issues. Maintenance Mania is offered by the National Apartment Association, a leading advocate for quality rental housing, and presenting sponsor HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, a leading supplier of maintenance, repair and operations (MRO) products to the multifamily industry. Nearly 70 qualifying events are hosted nationwide by regional NAA affiliates, providing 20 top technicians the opportunity to compete at the National Championship to be held June 19 in Denver. Other 2013-2014 national sponsors include Bradford White, Cleveland Faucet Group, Fluidmaster®, Frigidaire, Kidde, Kwikset®, Motorola, Niagara Conservation, Seasons, and Realpage.