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**National Hardware Show and United Inventors Association Announce the
Winners of the Inventors Spotlight Awards**

(NORWALK, Conn – May 6) - -How clever is it? Does it actually work? Does what it can do really matter? How easy is it to make? Will it actually make any money?

The answers to these questions and more were the basis for the five awards that were presented to selected exhibitors in the Inventors Spotlight area at the 64th National Hardware Show, recently held in Las Vegas (May 5-7).

After careful review and assessment by a select panel of industry judges, the winners are as follows:

Best New Product: Wes DeBow, inventor of Nut Lok

Best Eco-Friendly Product: Chiou-Muh Jong, Ph.D, inventor of Guardener

Best Business Potential: Trung Quach, inventor of Dead Bolt Secure

Best for Simplicity: Henry Dekort, inventor of Pik Safe

Best Booth Presentation: Micah L. Maraia, inventor of Dötz

“There is certainly a lot of interest in innovation and inventions,” said Ed Several, Group Vice President and Show Manager, National Hardware Show. “We believe there’s always someone with a better mousetrap idea looking to get their product to market.”

Since 2007, the Inventors Spotlight (sponsored by the United Inventors Association) has provided a focus area on the show floor for small entity entrepreneurs who are ready for manufacturing opportunities and retail distribution to bring their product to market.

For information about the United Inventors Association and more opportunities for independent inventors, visit www.uiausa.org.

Plans for the 65th annual National Hardware Show May 4-6, 2010, Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas are well underway and will include many new programs and services

designed to empower manufacturers and retailers with the ideas, new products and merchandising solutions to generate sales and increase profitability in a difficult and competitive environment. These initiatives are specifically designed to achieve new growth for the home improvement marketplace. For additional and updated information, visit www.nationalhardwareshow.com.

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