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**The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) Forms Strategic Alliance With
the Living In Place Institute (LIPI)**

Designers Can Receive CLIPP Certification Through NKBA Professional Development

(HACKETTSTOWN, NJ & LOUISVILLE, CO) — September 5, 2018 — The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA), the de facto authority on all things residential kitchen and bath, has signed an agreement to partner with the Living in Place Institute (LIPI) to offer design professionals working in the kitchen and bath space LIPI's Certified Living in Place Professional (CLIPP) Certification Program endorsed exclusively by the NKBA.

Industry studies reveal that the two most common rooms in which accidents occur are the kitchen and the bathroom. The CLIPP certification program was developed specifically to make “all homes accessible, comfortable and safe.” LIPI advocates inter-professional teaming with aligned individuals and associations/groups in all facets of home/human interaction. LIPI encourages all CLIPP professionals — and those desiring CLIPP certification — to align with the NKBA to design and build “safe, beautiful and functional kitchen and bath spaces.”

“We are incredibly excited to have entered into this important partnership with the Living in Place Institute,” said Suzie Williford, NKBA Executive Vice President of Industry Relations and Chief Strategy Officer. “The NKBA is committed to providing the design profession with state-of-the-art training and education, resulting in beautifully designed homes that are functional, accessible, comfortable and safe for everyone.”

“The Living In Place Institute is honored to have our CLIPP certified program endorsed by the NKBA,” said LIPI co-founders and managing partners, Erik Listou and Louie Delaware. “This alliance is a win-win for current and future NKBA members who can leverage their NKBA membership to earn a

Certified Kitchen & Bath Designer (CKBD) designation, as well as a CLIPP certification — all from one source.”

For more information about the strategic partnership and the CLIPP certification program, contact the NKBA at education@nkba.org or LIPI at info@LivingInPlace.Institute.

About the National Kitchen & Bath Association and the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show

The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) is the not-for-profit trade association that owns the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show® (KBIS), as part of Design & Construction Week ® (DCW). With nearly 14,000 member companies representing tens of thousands of members in all segments of the kitchen and bath industry, the NKBA has educated and led the industry since the association’s founding in 1963. The NKBA envisions a world where everyone enjoys safe, beautiful and functional kitchen and bath spaces. The mission of the NKBA is to inspire, lead and empower the kitchen and bath industry through the creations of certifications, marketplaces and networks. For more information, visit NKBA.org or call 1-800-THE-NKBA (843-6522).

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About the Living in Place Institute

Establishing the vision of, “All homes accessible, comfortable and safe”, the Living In Place Institute is the leading provider of information and education for home accessibility and safety. LIPI trains, certifies and networks professionals from all facets of the design, construction, medical, homecare, real estate and government sectors. Though the Certified Living In Place Professional™ (CLIPP) training program and the Home Accessibility and Safety Assessment Checklist™ (HASAC™) app, CLIPP graduates identify and make recommendations that improve accessibility and safety in every home, regardless of current or future occupant needs or ages. For more information, visit LivingInPlace.Institute or call 888-467-3220.

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