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USAI® LIGHTING CONTINUES TO REACH NEW HEIGHTS IN 2012 Award-Winning Illumination Solutions Manufacturer Announces New Sales Team Leaders

NEW WINDSOR, NY, Jan. 30, 2012 – Testament to its unwavering commitment to provide unparalleled service and support to its customers across the country, leading lighting manufacturer USAI® Lighting (USAI) welcomes Sean Gaydos as vice president of sales and Elizabeth Bolton and Tim Milton as sales managers in the western and northeastern regions, respectively. The new additions bring deep industry knowledge to the Company, and more importantly to its customers, providing new opportunities to elevate USAI's competitive position in the marketplace.

"At USAI, it is our mission to help customers creatively push the boundaries of lighting design with high-performance, architectural solutions that meet strict energy standards in the smallest possible packages," said Bonnie Littman, president of USAI Lighting. "Through these product innovations and the drive, determination and know-how of our sales team additions, we will further advance this mission throughout 2012 and beyond."

With a combined experience of nearly 50 years within the lighting industry, these proven sales leaders will be knowledge-rich assets customers can benefit and learn from:

- Sean Gaydos brings approximately 20 years of lighting experience to his post as USAI vice president of sales. Throughout his career, Gaydos has served in key managerial and sales leadership roles for several corporations, including Acuity Brands, Cooper Lighting and Hubbell Lighting. He was also honored with an International Illumination Design Award and formerly served as chapter president of the Illuminating Engineering Society.
- Elizabeth Bolton, a licensed architect, possesses a contagious passion for lighting
 design as a result of her time at architectural lighting design firm Fisher Marantz Stone.
 With 11 years experience as a lighting manufacturer representative, Bolton also shares
 a talent for helping customers see how lighting can make their spaces shine. She joins
 USAI as the western regional sales manager located in Seattle, Wa.

• Tim Milton brings his impressive breadth of knowledge surrounding illumination to USAI as northeast regional sales manager. A seasoned lighting professional with more than 17 years of experience in the industry, Milton served in managerial sales roles for a range of companies, including Elliptipar, Acuity Brands and Crestron Lighting Controls. He has also served as vice president of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, New York City section since 2011.

"We are always seeking new solutions to adeptly meet our customers' evolving needs and challenges," said Littman. "I am confident in our sales team's ability to thoughtfully connect with our customers and arm them with new lighting approaches while continuing to provide the level of service they've come to expect from USAI."

A lighting industry leader, <u>USAI® Lighting</u> is helping to shine an entirely new light on the way commercial and residential properties address lighting design solutions. Driven by its IllumiVation® philosophy, USAI Lighting's versatile yet robust selection of products fuse together brains and beauty, providing fresh and energy-saving solutions for general illumination and accent lighting. From compact fluorescents and metal halides to its new generation of LED solid state lighting technology, all USAI Lighting products maintain the smallest physical and carbon footprint possible while meeting the strictest standards for innovation and design to ensure seamless specification, simple installation and easy ongoing maintenance. For additional information about USAI Lighting and its high-performance offerings, visit <u>www.usailighting.com</u> or call 845-565-8500. Connect with USAI on Facebook and Twitter.

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