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In Brief

■ **Hansgrohe's** first iPhone app, Hansgrohe@home, is now available. Users can take a picture of their current bathroom sink, edit out their old faucet and replace it with a PuraVida fixture — all with just a few taps of the finger. The end result can be e-mailed to friends or saved in an image gallery. The app can be downloaded for free at: http://www.hansgrohe-usa.com/us_en/133330.htm or at the iTunes app store.

■ **Associated Builders and Contractors** reported in July that its latest Construction Backlog Indicator (CBI) increased to seven months in May, a 27% increase from January of this year. CBI is an indicator that measures the amount of construction work under contract to be completed in the future. "Construction backlog continues to edge higher and has generally been on an upward trajectory since late-2009," said ABC Chief Economist Anirban Basu. "But it's not clear whether this level can be sustained."

■ **Linc Network's** Support Department was recently named a finalist in the Support Department of the Year category in The 2010 American Business Awards. The awards were presented during ceremonies at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, New York City, June 21. More than 2,700 entries from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry were submitted for consideration in more than 40 categories.