NBMDA builds on its history of success:

1952: NBMDA founded in Chicago, Illinois, to serve the needs of building material distributors. The association was aptly named the National Building Material Distributor Association.

1954: NBMDA establishes its Education Foundation.

1964: Kevin Gammonley assumes the role of Executive Director.

1987: NBMDA establishes the Cabinet Industry Distribution Alliance (CIDA) as a unique membership segment.


1994: NBMDA becomes a special association of the University of Innovative Distribution.

1999: NBMDA acquires the International Hardware Distributors Association (IHDA) and establishes its Wholesale Hardware Distribution Alliance (WHDA) as a unique membership segment.

2000: NBMDA celebrates its 50th anniversary.

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2002: NBMDA celebrates its 65th anniversary.


2007: NBMDA narrows its focus to the Specialized Building Product Distribution (SBPD) and Cabinet Industry Distribution Alliance (CIDA) as its two membership segments.

2010: NBMDA forms partnership with the North-American Association of Floor Covering Distributors (NAFCD) and sponsors its annual convention.

2011: NBMDA forms partnership with Habitat for Humanity.


2017: NBMDA narrows its focus to the Specialized Building Product Distribution (SBPD) and Cabinet Industry Distribution Alliance (CIDA) as its two membership segments.