CABA OFFERS MEMBERS SPECIAL RATE ON HTI+ CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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As a service to the residential automation sector, CABA, in conjunction with Internet Home Alliance, is offering a special rate on the CompTIA Home Technology Integrator (HTI+) certification program to CABA members.

The HTI+ certification is a cross-industry, vendor-neutral credential providing recognition that a technical professional has attained a standard of excellence in the integrated home networks industry.

To encourage installers and integrators to obtain the certification, CABA is pleased to offer a limited number of 50 per cent discount coupons to its members, which will enable them to save significantly on the cost of the certification exam.

"We're delighted to offer this discount to our membership," said Ronald J. Zimmer, CABA President & CEO. "The rapid adoption of networking technologies within the home has created a need for highly qualified installers. This certification program allows experienced professionals to verify their skills."

The HTI+ certification, developed by CompTIA with support from industry groups like Internet Home Alliance, is based on a set of standards designed to measure the mastery of core competencies regarding the installation, integration and troubleshooting of the following automated home sub-systems: home security, audio/video, computer networks, electrical wiring, heating/air conditioning systems (HVAC), cable/satellite, broadband, telecommunications and structured wiring.

"Certification lays the foundation for a rewarding future," noted Carl Bowman, CompTIA HTI+ Program Manager. "Certifications help build solid careers by providing verification of an installer's abilities. The certification also adds value to a resume. Many employers preferentially hire only certified employees."

The certification has been endorsed and recognized by several large consumer electronic retailers including Sears, Roebuck and Co. and CompUSA. Sears requires their installation integrators to be HTI+ certified.

"We are pleased to be able to partner with CABA to increase the number of certified installers and integrators," stated CABA Board member Kristine Stewart, President of the Internet Home Alliance. "Not only does HTI+ certification benefit large retailers and manufacturers by enabling them to have piece of mind about the qualifications of installers, but it provides a standard level of competency for the integrator channel, the builder and the home owner, all of whom will looking for qualified professionals to work with when performing home technology installations."

The certification, of course, is of most benefit to installers, who gain by obtaining industry recognition of their experience and skill sets. To obtain an HTI+ coupon from CABA, please contact the CABA office.

About CABA
The Continental Automated Buildings Association (CABA) is a leading industry association that promotes advanced technologies in homes and buildings in North America. More information is available at www.caba.org.

About Internet Home Alliance
Internet Home Alliance is a cross-industry network of leading companies advancing the home technology market. A non-profit organization, the Alliance provides companies with the collaboration, research and real-world testing opportunities they need to gain a competitive advantage in the home technology market. Members of the Alliance, which was founded in October 2000, come from a variety of industries and include such leading companies as Cisco Systems, Inc., General Motors, Hewlett-Packard Company, IBM, Invensys, Microsoft, Panasonic (Matsushita Electric Corporation of America), Procter & Gamble, SBC Communications, Sears, Roebuck and Co., and Whirlpool Corporation.

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