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CABA SIGNS PROGRAM RECOGNIZER AGREEMENT WITH C-TECH ASSOCIATES, INC.

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In a proactive move to support the growing need for entry-level telecommunications technicians, the Continental Automated Buildings Association (CABA) announced today the signing of a program recognizer agreement with C-Tech Associates, Inc. C-Tech is a New Jersey-based developer and manufacturer of curriculum and training aids for communications networking. The agreement will provide CABA members access to highly trained labor pools.

CABA has reviewed C-Tech's Communications Networking Programs for content and applicability to the marketplace, and recognizes C-Tech's certifications known as Network Cabling Specialist, Voice Communications Professional, and Smart Home Professional. Because of this recognition, they will be promoting the hiring of C-Tech-certified technicians to its membership.

"We are extremely pleased to endorse C-Tech's certification programs," states Ronald J. Zimmer, CABA President & CEO. "The rapid adoption of networking technologies within the home and building sectors has created a need for highly qualified installers. C-Tech's series of certification programs allows professionals to enhance and verify their skills, and we are pleased to recommend it to system installers at large and to our members in particular."

C-Tech took an innovative approach to the development of its training programs. "Early on, we recognized a need for trained technicians at an entry-level wage," states David Brady, C-Tech's Director of Marketing. "It is very important to deliver the technology at a level that addresses the majority of the population and still provides the much-needed skills." Companies have been able to cut as much as three months off a new employee's preparation cycle, by hiring C-Tech certified technicians.

Since entering the educational/training market in 1995, C-Tech has established a network of over 350 certified training facilities throughout the United States including vocational and comprehensive high schools, community colleges, labor unions, community and faith-based organizations, Job Corps centers and correctional institutions.

These training sites are equipped with the resources, knowledge and skills to provide entry-level job training to any individual regardless of age or background. More than 40,000 individuals possess the telecommunications skills and knowledge base to work as technicians, sales associates, customer service representatives or a number of other positions.

CABA sees teaming with C-Tech as a natural fit. "We are excited to support certification efforts that advance a stronger home systems integration marketplace," says Zimmer.

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.

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