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Michael Tran Receives ASQ-Certified Quality Inspector

Milwaukee, WI, October 27, 2008 — The Certification Board of the American Society for Quality is pleased to announce that Michael Tran has completed the requirements to be named an ASQ-Certified Quality Inspector (ASQ CQI). As such, Michael Tran has reached a significant level of professional recognition, indicating a proficiency in and a comprehension of quality inspection tools and techniques. Individuals who earn this certification are allowed to use “ASQ CQI” on their business cards and professional correspondence.

“ASQ provides certification as a way to provide formal recognition to professionals who have demonstrated an understanding of, and a commitment to, quality techniques and practices in their job and career,” explains Roberto Saco, President, American Society for Quality. “This is a great accomplishment and, although not a formal registration or licensure, it represents a high level of peer recognition.”

In order to sit for the CQI examination, an inspector must have two years of on-the-job experience in quality inspection or a related field. Successful candidates for the certification are expected to be able to apply geometric dimensioning and tolerancing (GD&T) techniques, read blueprints and other design schematics, evaluate products in relation to their specifications, and perform various procedures related to inspecting products and measuring process performance.

Since 1968, when the first ASQ certification examination was given, more than 160,000 individuals have taken the path to reaching their goal of becoming ASQ-Certified in their field or profession, including many of who have attained more than one designation. To learn more about ASQ’s Certified Quality Inspector program, visit <http://www.asq.org/certification/quality-inspector/>.

The American Society for Quality, www.asq.org, has been the world's leading authority on quality for more than 60 years. With more than 90,000 individual and organizational members, the professional association advances learning, quality improvement, and knowledge exchange to improve business results, and to create better workplaces and communities worldwide. As champion of the quality movement, ASQ offers technologies, concepts, tools, and training to quality professionals, quality practitioners, and everyday consumers, encouraging all to Make Good Great®. ASQ has been the sole administrator of the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award since 1991. Headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis., ASQ is a founding partner of the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI), a prominent Quarterly economic indicator, and also produces the Quarterly Quality Report.

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