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## **NATE BECOMES NEWEST AHR EXPO ENDORISING ASSOCIATION**

*Certification Exams Offered at 2009 AHR EXPO*

**WESTPORT, Connecticut...July 28, 2008** — The North American Technician Excellence, Inc. (NATE), a long time supporter of the AHR EXPO<sup>®</sup>, becomes the 31<sup>st</sup> association to endorse the world's leading HVACR exposition and conference.

An independent third-party certification organization that provides the leading certification program for technicians in the heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration (HVACR) industry, NATE is the only test supported by the entire industry. NATE-approved testing organizations throughout the U.S. and Canada offer the NATE tests, and candidates can earn installation and/or service certification in the following specialty areas: air-conditioning, air distribution, heat pumps, gas heating, oil heating, hydronic heating (gas & oil), light commercial and commercial refrigeration. A senior certification is also available for efficiency analysts-senior designees. The group has conducted certification exams at the AHR EXPO since 1999.

"The response from technicians, contractors, and distributors who have completed the exam at the AHR EXPO has been excellent," said Rex Boynton, NATE president. "This venue provides a central location where industry professionals can meet all their needs in one place and becoming the newest Endorsing Association further reinforces our support of the Show."

“We are extremely pleased to have NATE join us as the newest Endorsing Association,” said Clay Stevens, President of International Exposition Company, which produces and manages the AHR EXPO. “Our partnership with NATE helps to educate the industry based on a nationwide standard of HVAC technician excellence.”

NATE will once again conduct certification examinations for the hundreds of technicians who will be attending the AHR EXPO. Technicians can also register to take their specialty re-certification test at the Show. The testing session consists of a morning refresher class (8:30a.m. – 11:30a.m.) and a four-hour exam in the afternoon (12:30 – 4:30) consisting of the Core exam and a Specialty exam, both of which are required for certification. Technicians should pre-register at the NATE web site ([www.natex.org](http://www.natex.org)) to ensure that NATE brings adequate copies of the test they wish to take.

According to Boynton, “NATE's certification exams reflect a consensus opinion on what technicians need to know to effectively service and install today's sophisticated HVAC systems.” As an independent, non-profit national organization supported by a broad-based coalition of industry leaders, NATE represents a shared commitment to improving the HVACR industry through voluntary testing and certification.

Technicians can also register through the following associations as they also promote the AHR EXPO testing opportunity to their members:

- ACCA (Air Conditioning Contractors of America)
- BPI (Building Performance Institute)
- EHCC (Eastern Heating & Cooling Council)
- HARDI (Heating, Airconditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International)
- NEMI (National Energy Management Institute)
- PHCC (Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association)
- RSES (Refrigeration Service Engineers Society)

For a list of AHR EXPO Endorsing Associations or for more information on the Show, please visit [www.ahrexpo.com](http://www.ahrexpo.com).

### ***About the AHR EXPO***

As the largest and most comprehensive HVACR exposition, the AHR EXPO attracts tens of thousands of attendees from all facets of the industry, including contractors, engineers, dealers, distributors,

wholesalers, OEMs, architects and builders, industrial plant operators, facility owners and managers, agents and reps.

Since 1930, the AHR EXPO has been the HVACR professional's best resource for new products, new ideas and new services. It's a hands-on, interactive event that showcases a wide spectrum of equipment, systems, and components. This unique industry forum creates a dynamic marketing environment unequaled in size and scope by any other industry event.

The AHR EXPO is endorsed by 31 leading HVACR industry associations and is co-sponsored by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and the Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI). The Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI) is an honorary sponsor. ASHRAE's winter meeting is also held concurrently with the AHR EXPO each year.

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