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ETA International Announces a NEW Electric Vehicle Technician Certification

Greencastle, Indiana – May 17, 2011 - In his State of the Union address, President Obama announced his goal to “...become the first country to have one million Electric Vehicles on the road by 2015”. With a waiting list of some 20,000 Americans for the electric Nissan Leaf alone, and billions of dollars in federal grants to manufacturers and educational institutions, America may be well on the way to achieving this goal.

Electronics Technicians Association International (ETA) is at the forefront of providing new and seasoned auto technicians a resource to obtain their Electric Vehicle Technician specialized training and certification. With an ETA Electric Vehicle Technician certification, present and future auto technicians must demonstrate that they are capable of safely troubleshooting and repairing Electric Vehicles coming on the market over the next several years. With high voltage (300 VDC and higher) and the safety issues that follow, technicians will be required to receive specialized training before they are allowed to open the hood of an EV. The government’s EV initiative has already granted millions of dollars to educational institutions for education and workforce training programs.

ETA requires hands-on training and experienced EV instructors. ETA is accredited by the International Certification Accreditation Council (ICAC). You will be secure in knowing the ETA Certification Logo as your auto technician’s credential means they are expertly trained and capable of caring for the customer’s new EV.

G.M.’s chairman and chief executive, Edward E. Whitacre Jr., called electric cars, “the way of the future” and said such technology “will quickly become a very big part of General Motors.” Batteries with new materials that provide a potential 300 mile range are being developed, tested, proven, patented, and installed for delivery in new EV models. With millions of dollars in grant money, the infrastructure of charging stations is being placed in 16 different metro areas around the country. A study conducted by The Electrification Coalition, “Electrification Roadmap”, reveals that there may be as many as 14 million EV’s on the roads by 2020.

For more information on ETA’s Electric Vehicle Technician certification and its upcoming availability please call 800.288.3824.

ETA[®] International - Founded in 1978, the Electronics Technicians Association International is a not-for-profit, professional association promoting excellence in electronics technologies through certifications. The association’s initiatives are to provide a prominent certification program of competency criteria and testing benchmarks that steer international electronic standards and renowned professional electronics credentials. Today, ETA has issued over 115,000 technical certifications covering more than 70 certification programs in a variety of electronics fields. The association consists of over 5,000 members, 625 Subject Matter Experts (SME’s) serving on various Industry Advisory Committees and 1,010 Exam/Certification Administrators (CA’s). (www.etainternational.org)

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