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### **International Certification Accreditation Council Reaffirms ETA's Certifications**

GREENCASTLE, Ind. – Ringing in 2008 was more work than a holiday for the staff of ETA. During the holidays ETA was preparing for the ICAC accreditation on-site reviewers arrival on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. In order to obtain this accreditation renewal ETA had to submit documentation supporting ICAC standards criteria prior to the review board's on-site visit, but more importantly they had to demonstrate these secure processes and environment controls to the three reviewers in an on-site inspection.

ICAC is an alliance of organizations dedicated to accrediting that organizations offering certifications are meeting international credentialing standards of competency, professional management, service to the public, licensing, and improving standards within their industry

The ICAC review summary revealed that ETA met all the auditors review points. ETA was sited for no points for remediation. However, ICAC plans to align their standards to ISO-17024, which will reduce their five years accreditation to two years before their next review. Therefore, ICAC auditors made a few suggestions based on the anticipated new criteria requirements required by 2010, which ETA plans to incorporate immediately.

“This accreditation reaffirms what we do on a daily basis,” ETA President, Teresa Maher said. “All of our hard work and the continuous evaluation of each of our certifications is necessary in order to keep up with the demands in the electronics industry.”

“We have already started to make the adjustments needed to meet the new ICAC criteria and believe that when the renewal date arrives, ETA will once again go above and beyond what is required to validate the quality of our certifications,” Maher said.

For more information on ETA's certifications visit [www.etainternational.org](http://www.etainternational.org) or visit ICAC, [www.icacnet.org](http://www.icacnet.org), to find out more about accreditations.

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The association members consist of nearly 10,000 members; 692 Subject Matter Experts (SME's) serving on various Industry Advisory Committees, and nearly 1,000 Exam/Certification Administrators (CA's). ETA aligns with individual professional goals, vocational and education curriculums, and businesses' resource initiatives through our certification programs, conferences, speaking engagements, and book and journal publications. [www.etainternational.org](http://www.etainternational.org)