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Where to Get Hands-On Training for Wireless Communications

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"After the successful co-location in 2015, IWCE is thrilled to partner again with ETA in 2016. They bring training and certification that is vital to our audience," said IWCE Show Director Stephanie McCall.

ETA President Teresa Maher, CSS, said, "For several years, ETA has witnessed a dwindling of training resources for those working in the wireless industry and yet we hear each week of the shortage of qualified workers in wireless and other industries."

"Being able to bring together some of the top trainers in the nation in the areas of RF Interference, DAS, Line Sweeping and Antenna Analysis, Mobile Communications Installation and others gives ETA a way to provide attendees a chance to gain valuable industry training with a hands-on component and certification included," she said.

Maher said the value add is that ETA is able to partner with IWCE to share additional content rich sessions, along with a trade show full of the vendors that everyone in the industry wants to see.

"Sharing new product releases and being able to speak one-on-one with vendors, networking with peers and adding an industry certification to your resume creates an unbeatable value for each attendee," Maher added.

ETA-approved training providers will offer attendees hands-on training and instruction to prepare for related ETA certification exams March 21-25, 2016 in Las Vegas, NV during EF16@IWCE. One of the industry's largest conventions for two-way radio manufacturers, this five day comprehensive conference program also includes short courses along with a Job Training and Education Center.

"ETA's technical classes are a wonderful complement to IWCE's conference program, adding important continuing education opportunities to technicians and engineers on early in the week while IWCE provides the hands-on showcase of equipment from leading vendors," said Stacey Orlick, IWCE's director of community and conference content.

Bringing together more than 7,000 industry professionals and over 370 exhibitors, attendees represent a diverse group of professionals from the government/military; public safety; utility; transportation and business enterprise sectors.

Training workshops at EF16@IWCE leading to ETA certification include:

- RF Interference Hunting by Dover Telecommunications Services
- Distributed Antenna Systems by Dover Telecommunications Services
- Line and Antenna Sweeping by IWA Training Services
- Fiber 1-2-3 by Light Brigade
- Mobile Communications Electronics Installation by Chris Dalton, LAS
- R56 Communications Site Installation by Chris Hoch, CETma, Motorola Solutions
- Radio Frequency Identification, by Andre Smalling, CET
- Basic Electronics by Fred Weiss, CET and Chris Miller, GROL

“Having been in the electronics and RF communications field for over 34 years, I want to say that the training hosted by ETA is excellent. In a couple of days' time, you are educated in new and existing technologies that allow you to keep pace with the industry. Even if you are a seasoned professional, you walk away with learning something new or refreshing your memory. After training, ETA offers certification exams that validate your knowledge, which can enhance your employment situation. An added benefit of having this training coincide with IWCE is the networking opportunities and the ability to see firsthand many of the items which are discussed in class. I highly recommend this program and the ETA/IWCE experience,” said Mark J. Hari, Director – Technical Services, Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, New Jersey.

Certification credentials help an individual validate their technical knowledge and skills to enter or advance in their chosen career. ETA International has issued over 160,000 technical certifications in more than 80 programs in numerous technical fields. ETA will administer all ETA certification and FCC license exams at EF16@IWCE.

ETA will also offer short courses as a flexible way to take part in the conference program. Learn valuable information on safety and quality, pre-job planning and field execution, the role of fiber optics with radios and cell towers, microwave - the changing landscape for digital transport, training and qualification solution design to support multi-generational infrastructure in electric utility telecommunications, the future of 4G and telecommunications worldwide, wireless - a key driver for the Internet of Things, infrastructure and future-proofing FTTX challenges, the art of troubleshooting, FirstNet/NG 911 challenges, education and industry certification can make your organization more profitable, reimagining the radio dealer and the emerging of additive manufacturing.

“ETA is a well-respected certification body, and working together increases the level of prestige for both organizations, as well as solidifies the combined events as the authoritative provider of wireless and communications technology for all levels of an organization,” said Donny Jackson, editor of IWCE's Urgent Communications.

Registration for the hands-on training workshops and sessions will open October 15, 2015 with an early bird discount. Look for more information about ETA's Education Forum and IWCE at www.educationforum.info and www.iwceexpo.com.

About ETA - Since 1978, ETA has issued over 160,000 professional certifications. Widely recognized and frequently used in worker job selection, hiring processes, pay increases, and advancements, ETA certifications are often required as companies bid on contracts. ETA's certifications are personal and travel with the individual, regardless of employment or status change and measure competencies of persons, not products or vendors. All ETA certifications are accredited through the International Certification Accreditation Council (ICAC) and align with the ISO-17024 standard. www.eta-i.org

About International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE) - Since 1977, the International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE) has been the authoritative annual event for communications technology professionals. IWCE features over 370 exhibitors showcasing the latest products and trends in the industry. Over 7,000 individuals attend from a diverse group of industry professionals including government/military, public safety, utility, transportation and business enterprise. IWCE 2016 will be held March 21-25, 2016 at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV. For more information, visit www.iwceexpo.com.

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