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**ETA International Expands Education Forum 2011 Session Line Up**

Greencastle, Indiana – August 31, 2011 – The Education Forum has experienced growth in attendance numbers every year since 2008. This year, with the event still a couple of months out, the Education Forum has registration numbers nearly triple that of 2010. This growth trend proves that more and more educators and technicians are discovering the ETA Education Forum and the remarkable value it offers. ETA works hard to continue offering the event to educators and technicians from around the world at a reasonable price and is very pleased with the rapid growth the event is undergoing.

The Education Forum, filled with powerful sessions in a wide array of topics, is sure to offer something for everyone. Topics currently lined up for this year's event are; The Alternative Energy Integrator: A Certification Update, Electronics Applications in an Alternative Energy Integrator Curriculum, Smart Grid: The Future of Electricity, How to Become a Certified Service Center, The Residential Electronics Integration Market: The Evolving 21st Century Home, Creativity Thinking – Stretching into Electricity/Electronics and Beyond, Intelligent Utility Networks: The Fabric of Green and Careers Unseen, Yes, You Can Afford Fiber Optic Training, UniCam Installation Demonstration, and Robotics Education: How Robotics Tie STEM Education all Together. Also offered this year are the two Electric Vehicle Drivetrain Specialist Level One Train-the-Trainer workshops; Curriculum Review and Hands-On and the Motorola Site Installation Practices (R56) Workshop.

ETA is proud to announce a few new additions to this list of remarkable sessions. Kellie Walsh, Executive Director of Greater Indiana Clean Cities Coalition will be conducting the “An Alternative Transportation Fuels and Technologies Update: Creating jobs, improving the environment, and reducing our Nation's dependence on foreign oil nationally in Indiana” session. Presented by Ira Wiesfeld, P.E., CETsr, Communications Division Chair of ETA Board and Andre Smalling, CET will be “New Communication Systems and Testing Requirements.” Mark Harger, President of Harger Lightning Protection and Grounding will conduct the “Lightning Protection System Concepts and Fundamentals” session.

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In addition to the valuable presentations and training workshops, attendees to the Education Forum will be able to enjoy the Annual Membership Meeting, Networking Reception, and the Annual Awards Banquet. For a little bit of fun during the information packed event, ETA will be offering attendees the chance to play in a friendly Texas Hold'em Tournament.

The ETA Education Forum is made possible by the industry experts who volunteer their time to share their knowledge and to generous sponsors such as; The Consortium of Certified Service Centers, The Greater Indiana Clean Cities Coalition, Motorola, and AmeriSkills.

To obtain more information and/or register for the ETA International 2011 Education Forum please visit the event website at [www.educationforum.info](http://www.educationforum.info) or contact ETA at 800.288.3824.

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