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ETA International Champions the Nation's Best *ETA Governs the 2007 National SkillsUSA Telecommunication Cabling Contest*

GREENCASTLE, Ind. - Over 5,000 State finalists from high schools and colleges gather to compete in 87 separate professional development events at this years SkillsUSA National Championships. The equivalent of 16 football fields divided into stations and built to simulate hands-on work environments set the platform for a grueling week of competitions.

For the sixth year, ETA International was proud to be a sponsor and supporter of this leadership and skills event. Teresa Maher, Vice President of ETA and SkillsUSA Telecom Cabling Technical Committee Chair stated, "Promoting individual's career and professional development within the electronics field is the mission of ETA and the pinnacle of the SkillsUSA event. These contestants must be prepared to meet a high code of conduct and the difficulty of our Telecommunications and Customer Service practical and knowledge exams. We are pleased to recognize these students' exceptional achievements with our accredited certifications."

ETA contributes nearly \$30,000 to sponsor this National Telecom Cabling SkillsUSA event, as well as, extend complimentary use of our numerous electronics certification to various other events. William Woodward, Chairman of ETA International said, "This sponsorship established a foundation of success for the 25 finalists that participated this year in the national telecom cabling competition. It also contributed to a competition that encouraged thousands to go beyond acquiring a skill set, but rather mastering an expertise and professionalism. What a great investment in our newest workforce."

The Championships finale was an Olympic like award ceremony for the following Gold, Silver and Bronze Winners:



Gold - Daniel Ranallo, Gooding High School (Gooding, ID) and Kary J. Wood, Salt Lake Community College (Salt Lake City, UT)

Silver - Taylor J. Hintz, West Jordon High School (West Jordon, UT) and Travis Hamic, Tennessee Technology Center at Knoxville (Knoxville, TN)

Bronze – Ian Davison, Summit Technology Academy (Lee's Summit, MO) and Chris Pate, East Central Technical College (Fitzgerald, GA)

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SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization of students, teachers and industry, working together to ensure the America has a skilled work force. SkillsUSA helps high school and college students enrolled in career and technical education programs to excel by teaching employability skills such as communication, problem solving and leadership in conjunction with their trade, technical and service occupations skills. The association's annual membership exceeds 284,000 students and instructors in more than 3,700 schools and colleges in every state, three territories and the District of Columbia. For more information, visit www.SkillsUSA.org.

ETA[®] International, Electronics Technicians Association, International, founded in 1978, is a not-for-profit, professional association promoting excellence in electronics technologies through certification. The association's initiatives are to provide prominent certification programs of competency criteria and testing benchmarks that include international electronic standards and renowned professional electronics credentials. As electronics integrates with emergent technologies, ETA's complex testing criteria results in a certification that testifies to the individual's expert skills and knowledge.

ETA certified nearly 10,000 technicians in 2006. Currently, 692 Subject Matter Experts (SME's) serve on various Certification Advisory Committees. ETA has its own Board of Directors, test administration staff and nearly 870 Exam/Certification Administrators (CA's). ETA aligns with individual professional goals, vocational and education curriculums, and businesses' resource initiatives through certification programs, conferences, speaking engagements, book and journal publications. www.etainternational.org

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