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Personnel Changes Help TABB Grow

Alexandria, VA – The Testing, Adjusting and Balancing Bureau (TABB) is proud to announce the addition of two staff members to the national office located in Alexandria, Virginia. Israel Shamir will become the voice most often heard when dealing with database issues and other “behind the scenes” activities at TABB. A native of New York, Shamir relocated to the Washington, DC metropolitan area in 2004. Also new to TABB, but not to the sheet metal industry, is Valerie Pratchenko. Pratchenko had worked for the International Training Institute (ITI - a sister fund developed by NEMI’s sponsors) since 1989 before moving over to join TABB in November 2004. Pratchenko’s experience and skills working with the ITI’s apprenticeship awards banquet will offer a new dimension to the annual TABB Conference, being held at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago, Illinois on May 20-21, 2005. The Conference will offer a tour of the Chicagoland Training Facility, as well as a tradeshow for the participants to enjoy. The information-packed Conference is now open for registration. For more information on TABB visit www.tabbcertified.org.

The Testing, Adjusting and Balancing Bureau was developed by the National Energy Management Institute Committee (NEMIC), a not-for-profit corporation sponsored by the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association (SMWIA) and the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (SMACNA). TABB administers certification programs in testing, adjusting and balancing, sound and vibration, and system commissioning. TABB is the HVAC Industry's only certification program that requires strict adherence to a rigorous Code of Conduct and Customer Satisfaction Procedures.

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