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***Commissioning Certification Now Available for
All Levels of Sheet Metal Professionals***

The National Energy Management Institute (NEMI) is pleased to announce their Commissioning Task Force has completed its mission and goals by creating a certification for technicians, supervisors and contractors that is now available for qualified sheet metal professionals through TABB, the Testing, Adjusting and Balancing Bureau. This Task Force funded a study on the effects of building commissioning and retro commissioning.

Building commissioning is the systematic process of verifying that the performance of the facility and its systems meet the specified design intent and operational needs of the occupants. The systems commonly tested include lighting, plumbing, HVAC, conveyance, etc. It is estimated that commissioning of new buildings and existing buildings (commonly referred as retro commissioning) currently generates less than \$200 million in revenue in the United States. However, the potential market opportunity could be 50 to 100 times greater.

An occupant complaint is the likely trigger for commissioning an existing building. Those building systems most visible to and seemingly controllable by the building's occupants, primarily being the lighting and heating/air conditioning, are the basis for the majority of these complaints. The TABB Contractor is often the most likely service provider. Certification proves the professional is competent and trained in the duty to be performed and provides a higher comfort level to consumers. Contact TABB at info@tabbcertified.org or visit online at www.tabbcertified.org to learn more about available certifications.

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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