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***Indoor Air Quality Technician Certification Now Available – Supervisor Certification Soon!***

The National Energy Management Institute (NEMI) is pleased to announce their Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Task Force has completed its mission and goals by creating a certification for technicians and supervisors. The Technician Certification is now available for qualified sheet metal professionals through TABB, the Testing, Adjusting and Balancing Bureau. The Supervisor Certification is completing its Pilot Program and will be released in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2008.

IAQ describes the condition of air inside a building. The condition of the air is a combination of the chemical, biological, and particulate matter in the air and the air temperature and humidity. IAQ is important because the condition of air affects the comfort and health of people in a building. That means IAQ can affect people's productivity and well being. If the condition of the air is unacceptable, complaints and even law suits can result. HVAC systems are a key part in determining the condition of indoor air. Heating and air conditioning determine the temperature and humidity conditions. Ventilation determines how much air is used to effectively dilute the concentration of chemical, biological and particulate matter in the air.

Technicians play a major role in IAQ. Every day, technicians operate, maintain, test, adjust, and balance HVAC systems. A technician's decisions and actions often determine the quality of air inside a building. Certified IAQ technicians make adjustments and repairs critical to IAQ. Engineers and IAQ professionals use standards of care to make sure their practices meet current professional standards. In the 30+ years since IAQ became a serious topic in the US building industry, complex guidance has been written in many areas of building sciences. A Certified Technician uses these guidelines when determining the standards of care. This is a growing industry that offers many opportunities to those who challenge themselves to go the extra mile and complete the certification. 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](mailto:info@tabbcertified.org) or visit online at [www.tabbcertified.org](http://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 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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