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NETA WELCOMES 110 NEW ALLIANCE PARTNERS

Power system professionals join the NETA Alliance Partnership Program with the goal of building relationships to improve quality

PORTAGE, Mich., May 20, 2015 — The NETA Alliance Program has recently added 110 new participants who are committed to advancing the industry and expanding their professional relationships. NETA Alliance Partners and NETA Accredited Company representatives meet throughout the year to share information and discuss procedural and technical approaches to improving safety and reliability across all electrical power systems.

The most recent gathering of NETA Alliance Partners and NETA Accredited Company representatives took place during the NETA Member & Alliance Meeting on March 1, 2015 in Nashville, Tennessee, leading into the PowerTest 2015 Conference. The focus of the meeting was to report on technical updates, standards, and code committee activities, and also to hear from some of the industry's top test equipment, service, and training suppliers on industry trends.

NETA Accredited Company representatives and Alliance Partners also met for lunch on March 2, 2015. A welcome break from Monday's PowerTest technical sessions, the lunch drew a gathering of over 190 professionals. The Annual Member and Alliance Luncheon is always a well-attended event because it provides opportunity for interaction and shared discussion. Each year, PowerTest Conference Chair Ron Widup challenges the group to respond to a shared concern in the industry. This year's question: What is your biggest training challenge, and what are you doing about it?

The group conversed in round-table fashion. Major discussion themes included the need for training on demand; motivating employee interest in continuing education; keeping current with technology, standards, and codes; and safety practices and procedures.

In addition to NETA Member and Alliance meetings, the *NETA Alliance Newsletter* provides a unique forum for Alliance Partners to share their news and knowledge. Archived Alliance newsletters can be found at netaworld.org/Alliance-Program/Newsletters. Watch for the next issue to release June 2015.

NETA also shares news and information submitted by Alliance Partners in the form of press releases posted at netaworld.org/Alliance-Program/News. Participation in the NETA Alliance Partnership Program increases communication within the electrical power systems industry.

Jim Cialdea, NETA Alliance Program Committee Chair, reflects on the founding of the program and its growth over the last few years. "NETA has worked diligently to bring the testing industry together through the ANSI/NETA standards, which have increased the safety and reliability of power systems. To further this mission, the NETA Alliance Partnership Program was formed to bring together the industry — engineers, facilities maintenance personnel, insurance companies, and equipment manufacturers —

to continue to improve the safety and reliability of electrical power systems through sharing information and by providing education... We have seen steady growth in the program and continue to add opportunities for exchange. We all share a common interest in working to strengthen and continually enhance safety and reliability.”

If you are interested in more information or would like to join the NETA Alliance Partnership Program, visit: netaworld.org/Alliance Program.

About the NETA Alliance Program

The NETA Alliance Partnership Program is an annual subscription-based program which carries no credentials, accreditation, or certification and shall not be represented as such. All professionals involved in the electrical power systems industry are invited to join and contribute to the advancement of the industry.

About NETA

NETA is an ANSI Accredited standards developing organization that creates and maintains standards on electrical testing for electrical power equipment and systems. NETA is an association of leading electrical testing companies comprised of visionaries committed to advancing the industry standards for power system installation and maintenance to ensure the highest level of reliability and safety.

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