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Darrell M. Ashworth Receives ASQ-Certified Quality Improvement Associate

Milwaukee, Wis., 12/02/2006 — The Certification Board of ASQ is pleased to announce that **Darrell M. Ashworth** has completed the requirements to be named an ASQ-Certified Quality Improvement Associate, or ASQ CQIA.

As such, **Darrell M. Ashworth** has reached a significant level of recognition, indicating a proficiency in and a comprehension of basic quality principles and practices. Individuals who earn this certification are allowed to use “ASQ CQIA” on their business cards and professional correspondence.

“Earning an ASQ certification is more than a great accomplishment - it’s a formal recognition of professionals that they have demonstrated an understanding of, and a commitment to, quality practices in their field,” said ASQ Chair Cecilia Kimberlin. “This distinction represents an investment in ones future and provides a competitive advantage to those who earn ASQ certifications.”

In order to qualify for the Certified Quality Improvement Associate examination, an individual must have two years of general work experience related to the Body of Knowledge. Certified Quality Improvement Associates have a basic knowledge of quality tools and their uses and is involved in quality improvement projects.

Since 1968, when the first ASQ certification examination was administered, more than 190,000 individuals have taken the path to reaching their goal of becoming ASQ-certified in their field or profession, including many of who have attained more than one designation.

About ASQ

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