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Eric Deraspe Receives ASQ-Certified Six Sigma Black Belt

Milwaukee, WI, October 26, 2009 — The Certification Board of ASQ (American Society for Quality) is pleased to announce that Eric Deraspe has completed the requirements to be named an ASQ-Certified Six Sigma Black Belt (ASQ CSSBB). As such, Eric Deraspe has reached a significant level of professional recognition, indicating a proficiency in and a comprehension of Six Sigma principles and practices. Individuals who earn this certification are allowed to use “ASQ CSSBB” on their business cards and professional correspondence.

“ASQ provides certification as a way to provide formal recognition to professionals who have demonstrated an understanding of, and a commitment to, quality techniques and practices in their job and career,” explains Peter Andres, ASQ president. “This is a great accomplishment and, although not a formal registration or licensure, it represents a high level of peer recognition.”

A Certified Six Sigma Black Belt is a professional who applies Six Sigma philosophies and principles, including supporting systems and tools in a variety of business situations. A Black Belt demonstrates team leadership and manages team dynamics in all aspects of the DMAIC model (define, measure, analyze, improve, control), understands lean enterprise concepts and uses tools to identify non-value-added activities

Since 1968, when the first ASQ certification examination was given, more than 163,000 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. To learn more about ASQ’s Certified Six Sigma Black Belt program, visit <http://www.asq.org/certification/six-sigma/>.

ASQ, www.asq.org, has been the world’s leading authority on quality for more than 60 years. With more than 85,000 individual and organizational members, the professional association advances learning, quality improvement and knowledge exchange to improve business results and to create better workplaces and communities worldwide. As champion of the quality movement, ASQ offers technologies, concepts, tools and training to quality professionals, quality practitioners and everyday consumers. ASQ has been the sole administrator of the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award since 1991. Headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis., ASQ is a founding sponsor of the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI).

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