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Carol S. Waser Receives ASQ-Certified Quality Technician Recognition

Milwaukee, WI, October 31, 2007 — The Certification Board of the American Society for Quality is pleased to announce that Carol S. Waser has completed the requirements to be named an ASQ-Certified Quality Technician (ASQ CQT). As such, Carol S. Waser has reached a significant level of professional recognition, indicating a proficiency in and a comprehension of quality concepts, tools, and techniques. Individuals who earn this certification are allowed to use "ASQ CQT" 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 Ronald D. Atkinson, President, American Society for Quality. "This is a great accomplishment and, although not a formal registration or licensure, bestows a high level of peer recognition as well."

In order to sit for the CQT examination, an individual must have four years of on-the-job experience in quality-related processes. Successful candidates for this certification are expected to be able to apply quality concepts in a variety of situations, including using statistical tools such as DOE, sampling tables, etc., to analyze and solve problems. A CQT is also expected to read and interpret blueprints and drawings, including geometric dimensioning and tolerancing (GD&T) techniques, train quality inspectors, quantify and analyze cost of quality data, and measure process performance.

Since 1968, when the first ASQ certification was given, more than 100,000 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 certification. To learn more about ASQ's Certified Quality Technician program, visit <http://www.asq.org/certification/quality-technician/>.

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