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IHMM RECEIVES REACCREDITATION FROM ANSI

[Rockville, MD] IHMM is pleased to announce that it has received reaccreditation for its **CHMM, CHMP, and CDGP** professional credentials. Accreditation from the American National Standards Institute [ANSI] is the highest level of accreditation excellence achievable for professional credentials. The ANSI accreditation mark is a symbol of excellence, recognized worldwide by employers, industry leaders, hiring managers, and credential holders. Since its launch in 2003, ANSI's personnel certification accreditation program based on the international standard *ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024:2012, Conformity assessment – General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons*, has helped certification programs make the journey from good to great. Over 5.2 million people worldwide and counting hold a certification from an ANSI-accredited organization. *The Value of ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024 Accreditation*

- The ANSI mark signals to an employer that the credential holder has undergone a valid, fair, and reliable assessment to verify that s/he has the necessary competencies to practice.
- ANSI accreditation provides an added layer of legal defensibility against invalid claims.
- Many government agencies such as the U.S. Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Federal and State OSHA, and the FDA, rely on ANSI accreditation as it assures the competency of the certification program.
- The accountability and transparency built into the ANSI process support conformity assessment attestations, and can result in reduced liability insurance.

International Recognition ANSI is the first personnel certification accreditation body in the United States to meet internationally accepted practices for accreditation, and the first to become a signatory to the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC) Multilateral Arrangement (MLA) for ISO/IEC 17024. Additionally, ANSI is the sole US representative to the International

Organization of Standardization (ISO). ANSI's international involvement and recognition saves time and money for ANSI-accredited certification bodies looking to expand into international markets. [ANSI's letter to IHMM may be read here.](#)

The Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM), a not-for-profit organization founded in 1984, has been protecting the environment and the public's health, safety, and security through the administration of credentials recognizing professionals who have demonstrated a high level of knowledge, expertise, and excellence in the management of hazardous materials.

Over 17,000 homeland security, environmental protection, engineering, health sciences, transportation, and public safety professionals have earned IHMM's accredited **Certified Hazardous Materials Manager** (CHMM®) credential. IHMM also administers the **Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner** (CHMP®), the **Certified Dangerous Goods Professional** (CDGP®), and the **Certified Dangerous Goods Trainer** (CDGT®) credentials. In 2019, IHMM acquired ISHM and now manages the **Certified Health and Safety Manager** [CSHM], **Certified Safety Management Practitioner** [CSMP], **Associate Safety and Health Manager** [ASHM], **Certified School Safety Specialist** [CSSS], and **Certified School Safety Manager** [CSSM] credentials.

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