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**Hazardous Materials Society
Brings Tremendous New Benefits to IHMM Certificants**

[Rockville, Maryland] Mr. Richie Spangler, Chair of the Board of the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management [IHMM], today announced the creation of the ***Hazardous Materials Society***, a new 501[c][3] non-profit organization. ***“Everywhere we go we are asked, “Where do I get training?” HMS will help employers and employees in need of training by providing one integrated place where we can all develop, deploy, showcase and execute the training we need,”*** said Spangler. ***“With HMS, we have countless opportunities to provide new services to our certificants, prospective certificants, and those who seek to do business with us around the world.”*** HMS’ mission not only encompasses education and training, but will also include world class professional networking, affinity programs to reduce the costs of goods and services, as well as conferences.

HMS is already meeting with over two dozen organizations and individuals about collaborating and strengthening hazardous materials, health and safety training and our first partners are already loading their programs at www.hazmatsociety.org. HMS will be an entirely separate organization from IHMM, both in its Board and operations in order to not interfere with IHMM’s accreditation from the American National Standards Institute [ANSI]. All IHMM certificants will be able to access HMS services without additional cost.

“Hazardous Materials Society, as a focal point of education and training in our communities, will serve as a pathway to professional certification as well as continuing education needs for those already certified. HMS will bring together more than two dozen different training companies to present their programs on our platform, the first such single platform in the hazardous materials industry,” said Bob West, HMS Board Chair.

For over thirty-five years the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM), a not-for-profit organization, has revolutionized protecting the environment and the public’s health, safety, and security through the creation of accredited credentials recognizing more than 17,000 professionals who have demonstrated the highest level of knowledge, expertise, commitment, and excellence in the management and transportation of hazardous materials and dangerous goods. With HMS, we create new services and opportunities for the outstanding professionals that we all serve. SEE: <https://hazmatsociety.org/welcome-to-hms/>

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