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DGTA and IHMM Sign Memorandum of Agreement

Rockville, Maryland (2 December 2011) - The Dangerous Goods Trainers Association (DGTA) and the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) regarding certifications of dangerous goods professionals and trainers. This MOA makes it possible for people working in the dangerous goods field to enhance and profile their work by getting certified as either a Certified Dangerous Goods Professional (CDGP) or a Certified Dangerous Goods Trainer (CDGT).

The CDGP and CDGT competencies are based on knowledge of the following regulations: The United Nations Recommendation on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Model Regulations, the International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air, the International Maritime Organization's International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, the European Agreement on Carriage of Dangerous Goods, Title 49 US Code of Federal Regulations Hazardous Materials Regulations, and Transport Canada's Transport of Dangerous Goods Regulations.

IHMM is now developing documentation for expansion of scope application as part of its current credential offerings accredited by the American National Standards Institute under ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024, Conformity assessment — General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons.

Leif Soderman, DGTA Board of Director's Chair stated, "DGTA's partnership with IHMM moves us closer to our vision of creating global standards for Dangerous Goods professionals and trainers. These certifications are the fruition of many DG professionals and trainers volunteering their time and knowledge. IHMM's knowledge and experience in administering certification examinations makes this a perfect relationship to promote safety by providing a recognized standard for the Dangerous Goods transportation professionals."

"IHMM is excited about this opportunity to work with DGTA to administer and promote these certifications," stated Elizabeth R. Pfeiffer, IHMM Board of Directors Chair. "The profession will benefit from the competency verification that is awarded through credentialing, and the public will benefit knowing that dangerous goods transport professionals and trainers are skilled in the appropriate means and methods."

About the Dangerous Goods Trainers Association

The Dangerous Good Trainers Association (DGTA) was established in 2008 to provide members a forum to promote and develop exceptional competence in dangerous goods professionals and trainers worldwide through education, communication, networking and voluntary professional certification. DGTA is an international organization whose members provide consultancy and training in over 70 countries across 5 continents. Contact: www.dgta.org

About the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management

For over 25 years 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 15,000 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) credential and the Hazardous Materials Manager-in-Training (HMMT) program. Contact: www.ihmm.org

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