

LIUNA Training Earns Prestigious ANSI Accreditation

Pomfret Center, CT, December 6, 2013 – LIUNA Training has earned accreditation by the internationally-recognized American National Standards Institute (ANSI), assuring users of quality and offering students a competitive edge. This achievement gives signatory contractors and members the added confidence that LIUNA Training certification programs represent the best in quality education and training, as determined by an independent, external process of evaluation.

Earning accreditation requires meeting rigorous, nationally recognized standards for quality certification programs. Organizations seeking accreditation by ANSI undergo a comprehensive organization-wide assessment and on-site survey by ANSI expert assessors/psychometricians and administrators who are actively involved in training and professional certification.

Not all organized labor, industry and workforce training organizations seek accreditation; and not all that undergo the process are granted accreditation.

“When you see the ANSI symbol, you know a well-respected independent organization has closely examined our facility and worker certification procedures and determined we meet their high standards – not only for current programs but for the design of future certificate programs as well. It means we as an organization strive for the highest level of competence possible,” explained John J. LeConche, Executive Director of LIUNA Training and Education Fund.

ANSI accreditation adds value to each instructor certification LIUNA Training awards by signifying that the instructor has completed a prescribed course of study designed specifically to meet predefined industry requirements. It also sets LIUNA Training apart from the competition by verifying they have met, and continue to meet, standards for quality improvement. ANSI accreditation also helps clarify confusion about instructor training programs for employers seeking the best training available by setting the highest benchmarks.

“Going through this voluntary process validates our organizational philosophy of striving for the highest quality standards and acts as an additional reminder of our responsibility to continuously improve the educational programs and services we provide. We are proud to be a part of boosting the overall quality of the American workforce,” LeConche said.

About ANSI

As the voice of the U.S. standards and conformity assessment system, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) empowers its members and constituents to strengthen the U.S. marketplace position in the global economy while helping to assure the safety and health of consumers and the protection of the environment. The Institute oversees the creation, promulgation and use of thousands of norms and guidelines that directly impact businesses in nearly every sector: from acoustical devices to construction, from dairy and livestock production to energy distribution, and many more. ANSI is also actively engaged in accrediting programs that assess conformance to standards – including globally recognized cross-sector

programs such as the ISO 9000 (quality) and ISO 14000 (environmental) management systems. ANSI's mission is to enhance both the global competitiveness of U.S. business and the U.S. quality of life by promoting and facilitating voluntary consensus standards and conformity assessment systems, and safeguarding their integrity.

About LIUNA Training

LIUNA Training and Education Fund is the training arm for the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), offering the best adult education for the construction workforce. Each year, hundreds of thousands LIUNA members attend our training in building construction; heavy and highway construction; construction supervision; environmental remediation, demolition, rehabilitation and restoration. LIUNA Training continually updates our curricula to reflect evolving needs, most recently adding courses on weatherization and green construction.