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★ **OFFICIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS NOTIFICATION** ★

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Program: Security Alarm Installer

To: ITA Training Providers
Construction Industry Training Organization (CITO)

RE: **REF: 2011 002**
UPDATE TO SECURITY ALARM INSTALLER PROGRAM

Timing: Effective: September 1, 2011

Information: Please be advised that an updated program standard for the Security Alarm Installer apprenticeship and Foundation program has been approved by Industry Training Authority (ITA). Updated program profiles and a program outline are posted on the ITA website at www.itabc.ca.

After extensive consultation with industry and training providers, the Construction Industry Training Organization (CITO) has completed a review of the standards for the Security Alarm Installer apprenticeship program. This review has resulted in a change in the program name – it will now be called the Security Systems Technician program.

BACKGROUND

As in the past, the updated Security Systems Technician apprenticeship program does not have a technical training requirement. Candidates pursuing training in the trade in the past have completed the Security Alarm Installer Foundation program.

The Foundation program, under its new name, Security Systems Technician, will continue to be one of the major training links for candidates wishing to acquire a Security Systems Technician apprenticeship. Graduates of a Security Systems Technician Foundation program should acquire an employer sponsor and register as a Security Systems Technician apprentice. During the apprenticeship, candidates are required to complete 3,600 work-based hours and to successfully complete the Security Systems Technician Certificate of Qualification examination.

Graduates of the Foundation program will receive a credit of 900 work-based hours towards their apprenticeship.

An updated program outline is posted under the Security Systems Technician Foundation program on the ITA website at www.itabc.ca.

The second training pathway, other than the Foundation program, will continue to be the apprenticeship training model, which does not require any technical training but requires apprentices to complete 3,600 work-based hours and to successfully complete the Security Systems Technician Certificate of Qualification examination.

Certificate of Qualification Exam

Apprentices are required to write a Certificate of Qualification (C of Q) exam and pass with a mark of 70% or greater.

The C of Q exam may be requested by training providers via the usual ITA procedure.

ITA will administer and invigilate the C of Q exam, and score and record exam results in ITA Direct Access.

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