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Associate Members SMACNA-St. Louis Chapter

Subject: Open letter to SMACNA Associate Members

St. Louis County's Mechanical Ordinance requires Sheet Metal Journeymen holding a Mechanical License to earn 12 Professional Education Units (PEU's) prior to renewing their License each three-year period. To assist SMACNA Contractors and SMWIA Local #36 in this endeavor, SMACNA St. Louis is embarking on an ambitious program to provide this continuing education training for our sheet metal workers. The challenge is to register classes, provide instructors, locations and training seminars in an organized manner to meet the June 2007 renewal deadline. Key to this plan is the participation of our SMACNA Associate members.

SMACNA's Education Committee, chaired by Mark Bengard of the Murphy Company met with a small group of Associate members who were introduced to the plan. Their support and advice have provided SMACNA with a running start to register seminars with St. Louis County. This was accomplished when Ken Perotta of Crescent Parts & Equipment and John Lueken met with St. Louis County's PEU Coordinator. The Coordinator agreed to allow Crescent's approved courses to be registered with SMACNA as the sponsor. The benefit of this agreement is that SMACNA takes responsibility for promoting the seminars and the County record keeping, and reduces Crescent's responsibility to providing the instructor and training materials.

Anticipating an enthusiastic response, SMACNA-St. Louis is developing an on-line computer program which will allow Associates to list and promote their classes, Sheet Metal Workers to register for classes and track their PEU's, and Contractors to be sure they have licensed workers in the field.

With our training program taking form, we are now encouraging our Associate members to join us in providing training. We feel that this is mutually beneficial for Contractors, Associate members and the St. Louis Sheet Metal Industry, in which we all have a stake. To participate, contact John Lueken at 314-427-7117 and he will provide additional information to get your company started in the program.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely yours,

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