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PRESS RELEASE

ETA's Education Forum Goes to Orlando

Communications professionals will join colleagues in Orlando to obtain valuable hands-on training leading to accredited certification when ETA International's Education Forum (EF) co-locates with International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE), the premier annual event for communications technology professionals, March 5-9, 2018. Join a diverse group of industry professionals including government/military, public safety, utility, transportation, network infrastructure and business enterprise for career enhancing training and networking opportunities at EF18@IWCE next spring!

Greencastle, June 7, 2017: ETA's Education Forum 2018 at IWCE will add three new hands-on training workshops to the program next year along with many of the popular hands-on training workshops that are expected to be hosted by ETA. Conducted by respected industry experts, all hands-on training workshops lead to ETA accredited certifications.

Because cyberspace and its underlying infrastructure are vulnerable to a wide range of risks stemming from both physical and cyber threats and hazards, the demand for an experienced and qualified workforce to protect networks and information systems has never been higher. To help meet this increasing demand, ETA will host the cybersecurity Information Technology Specialist (ITS) certification workshop, which will be conducted by Matthew Gonzales, PhD, CEH, CHFI, PMP, Cyber Program Director, University of Charleston, West Virginia (UCWV).

Gonzales said, "UCWV is ready to partner with ETA to help train the next set of cyber warriors!" He added, "Collaboration between the two organizations will allow UCWV to further refine and develop its content as it relates to the needs of employers and members of ETA."

Practical solutions for telecommunications in rural and remote areas are included in Education Forum 2018. Since much network infrastructure is in remote locations, several communications professionals have expressed the desire to learn installation techniques for photovoltaic (solar) panels. ETA is excited to host the Photovoltaic Installer – Level 1 (PVI1) workshop at EF18@IWCE for the first time as it is a great fit for the network infrastructure audience. Conducting this workshop is ETA's Renewable Energy Division Chair, Jay Warmke, PVI1, SWI1, of Blue Rock Station (Philo, Ohio).

"This training was one of the best theory and hands-on trainings I have ever received and as a result, I have built my second 10 kW solar generator based on the instructions," said past workshop attendee James Mosley Jr, CETma, of Ft. Campbell, KY.

Also new to EF18 will be the Mobile Communications and Electronics Technician (MCET) workshop, which is the second level in this professional certification series. The course will cover a review of Mobile Communications and Electronics Installer (MCEI), proper techniques and procedures for the installation of aftermarket equipment, advanced troubleshooting, antenna installation and tuning, circuits and circuit analysis with mathematics, Radio Frequency (RF) Energy and safety for the installer and vehicle occupants. Instructor Chris Dalton of Radio Systems Analytics will accompany hands-on labs with classroom lecture for maximum learner retention.

“Employees are the greatest asset to any organization and MCEI Level 2 is designed to identify, mitigate and avoid risk exposure to equipment installation service shops and to enhance the safety of installer personnel through education,” Dalton emphasized.

Popular hands-on training workshops that will be hosted include: Certified Electronics Technician, Distributed Antenna Systems, Fiber to the Antenna, General Communications Technician, Levels 1 and 2, Line and Antenna Sweep, Microwave Radio Technician, R56 Communications Site Installer and RF Interference Mitigation. Top-level industry trainers will come from such respected companies as ATRG Technical Services, Bird Technologies, Blue Rock Station, Commdex Consulting, Dover Telecommunications Services, Ira Wiesenfeld & Associates Technical Services, Light Brigade, Radio Systems Analytics and Thompson Communications, along with instructors from Heartland Community College and UCWV.

Continuing the effort to increase awareness of the growing need for certified wireless communications professionals, ETA will once again partner with IWCE at the Job Education and Training Center, which includes an annual scholarship for one student and one Veteran to attend IWCE.

View pictures of the last year's Education Forum at IWCE on ETA's website at www.eta-i.org and ETA's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ETAInternational>. Save the date and watch for more registration information for EF18@IWCE.

About ETA - Since 1978, ETA has delivered over 200,000 professional certifications plus nearly 40,000 FCC license exams. Widely recognized and frequently used in worker job selection, hiring processes, pay increases, and advancements, ETA certifications are often required as companies bid on contracts. ETA's certifications are personal and portable worldwide, thus traveling with the individual, regardless of employment or status change. ETA certifications measure and validate competencies of persons, not products or vendors. All ETA certifications are accredited through the International Certification Accreditation Council (ICAC) and align with the ISO-17024 standard. www.eta-i.org

About International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE) - Since 1977, the International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE) has been the premier annual event for communications technology professionals. IWCE features over 380 exhibitors showcasing the latest products and trends in the industry. Over 7,000 individuals attend from a diverse group of industry professionals including government/military, public safety, utility, transportation and business enterprise. IWCE 2017 will be held March 5-9, 2018 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL. For more information, visit www.iwceexpo.com

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