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Bachelor Controls Named CSIA “Gold Tier” Registered Member

BCI one of first 50 firms worldwide to pass Control and Information System Integrators Association audit

SABETHA, Kan. (February 11, 2004) — Bachelor Controls, Inc., provider of systems integration services for manufacturing, has been accorded “Gold Tier” distinction in the CONTROL AND INFORMATION SYSTEM INTEGRATORS ASSOCIATION’S (CSIA) prestigious REGISTERED MEMBER program.

“Gold Tier” membership is limited to the first 50 CSIA member-firms to pass the association’s landmark Best Practices and Benchmarks registration process. The intensive audit process, which measures each company’s performance against criteria in seven business areas – Business Development, Financial Management, General Management, Human Resources, Project Management, Quality Management, and Technical Management – is conducted by an outside auditing firm.

“These companies,” said CSIA Chairman Robert Reinhart, “truly serve as the ‘gold standard’ for control and information system integrators worldwide. All have clearly demonstrated their understanding – and acceptance – of what it takes to be good businesspeople in addition to being superior technologists.”

The criteria for the REGISTERED MEMBER program was developed in concurrence with Fortune 500 companies, other firms that use control and information system integrators’ services, control manufacturers that often team with these firms, and CSIA members.

“The Registration Process has twin missions,” said Reinhart. “One, to assist users in evaluating and selecting integration firms, and two, to provide control and information system integrators a means to evaluate and continuously improve their own businesses. As a member of the honored ‘Gold Tier’ class, Bachelor Controls has clearly shown its commitment to the control and information system integration community.”

Ray Bachelor, president of Bachelor Controls, said, “CSIA is the premier benchmarking organization in the control and systems integration industry. Recognition as a Gold Tier member is a testament to our project methodologies, financial stability and depth of service. It’s another reason why customers trust us to provide the leadership necessary to guide them through the risk associated with automating their systems and processes.”

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CONTROL AND INFORMATION SYSTEM INTEGRATORS ASSOCIATION is the foremost organization for independent control and information system integrators worldwide. Its members are responsible for more than \$1 billion annually in industrial automation equipment, including \$400 million of hardware and software automation products. Located on major continents, they provide integrated control systems for clients in a wide range of industries throughout the world. For more information, visit www.controlsys.org

About Bachelor Controls, Inc.

Bachelor Controls, Inc. (BCI) is a leading provider of control and systems integration solutions to manufacturers with focused experience in the food processing, petfood, pharmaceutical, plastics, specialty chemicals, and feed and grain industries.

BCI is recognized for the development of *BCI AUTOPILOT™* — the industry's first and most advanced automated cooking extrusion control system available. The company's specialties include high-end batching systems, cooking extrusion, modified starch processes, bulk material transport and material handling. Additionally, BCI has developed specialty skills in machine vision inspection and data collection and material tracking systems. The company has leveraged this “top floor to plant floor” understanding to provide expertise in Manufacturing Execution Systems (MES) solutions, integrating process control systems with Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems to give customers near real-time information they can use to make critical business decisions.

Founded in 1983, Bachelor Controls has been recognized as a Charter Rockwell Automation Solution Provider, Microsoft Certified Partner, DVT Certified Integrator, World Batch Forum Corporate Member and charter member of the CSIA Registered Member/Gold Tier Group. BCI is a licensed engineering firm located in Sabetha, Kansas and the Kansas City metro area. To learn more, visit www.bachelorcontrols.com or contact media@bachelorcontrols.com or 785.284.3482.