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Bachelor Controls Renews CSIA Certification

BCI one of only two firms to pass Control System Integrators Association audit three times

SABETHA, Kan. (May 2, 2007) — Bachelor Controls, Inc. (BCI) – a leading provider of systems integration solutions for the manufacturing industry – renewed its prestigious CSIA Certified Member status by passing the CONTROL SYSTEM INTEGRATORS ASSOCIATION’S (CSIA) landmark Best Practices and Benchmarks audit process. BCI is one of two systems integrators to pass the audit a third time. The company passed its first audit in 2000.

The CONTROL SYSTEM INTEGRATORS ASSOCIATION is an organization committed to the business development of control system integration companies and their implementation of best practices in order to provide a healthy, low-risk channel for the application of technology to its industrial clients. CSIA Certified Members must pass a rigorous audit process, which is performed by a third-party auditor and measures a company’s performance against criteria in seven business areas – Business Development, Financial Management, General Management, Human Resources, Project Management, Quality Management, and Technical Management. Firms that achieve this standard carry the CSIA Certified brand. To maintain certification, these firms must undergo an audit every three years.

“The certification process has twin missions,” said CSIA Executive Director Norm O’Leary. “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. Becoming certified and maintaining that high level of commitment reflects the latter mission. Preparation for the audit, whether for the first time or to re-certify, takes a substantial commitment in time and resources. However, that investment is proving to be returned for companies that become Certified.”

Ray Bachelor, president of Bachelor Controls and currently serving a two-year term as chairman of the CSIA Executive Board, said, “We are pleased to have once again earned CSIA Certified Member status. Being one of the first two firms to pass the audit a third time demonstrates our support and commitment to setting and maintaining quality standards in the systems integration community.”

“CSIA is the premier benchmarking organization in the control and systems integration industry,” said Bachelor. “Recognition as a CSIA Certified Member is a testament to our project methodologies, financial stability and depth of service.”

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About CONTROL SYSTEM INTEGRATORS ASSOCIATION (CSIA)

CONTROL SYSTEM INTEGRATORS ASSOCIATION (CSIA) is in its second decade of “helping better system integrators become better business people.” Members gain the power of the association’s broader presence and its insights into the best business and project management practices for the automation and IT domains. CSIA’s trademark Certified Member Program provides an industry-specific means for end users to minimize uncertainties in selecting a system integrator and offers a framework for integrators to evaluate and continuously improve their own businesses. For more information, visit www.controlsys.org or contact Norm O’Leary, CSIA executive director, at execdir@controlsys.org or 800.661.4914.

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, petfood / aquaculture, pharmaceutical, plastics, specialty chemicals, ethanol / alcohol, and feed and grain industries. The company's specialties include high-end batching systems, automated cooking extrusion, modified starch processes, bulk material transport and material handling. 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 CSIA Certified Member, Charter Rockwell Automation Solution Provider, and Microsoft Certified Partner. BCI is a licensed engineering firm located in Sabetha, Kansas, the Kansas City metro area and Memphis, Tennessee. To learn more, visit www.bachelorcontrols.com or contact media@bachelorcontrols.com or 785.284.3482.

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A note received from the Control System Integrators Association (CSIA) Headquarters:



CSIA extends its heartiest congratulations to Bachelor Controls, Inc. on achieving “Certified Member” status for your third consecutive three year period. This is no easy task and we commend all of your employees who contributed to and participated in this accomplishment. This “CM” ranking is assurance to all of your clients that they have chosen the very best in selecting Bachelor Controls, Inc. as their Control System Integration partner.