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ANAB's Dougherty to Chair International Accreditation Forum

MILWAUKEE – Randy A. Dougherty of the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) has been elected Chair of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), the world association of national accreditation bodies for management systems, products, and personnel.

Dougherty is ANAB Vice President and oversees all activities related to the accreditation programs of ANAB, the recognized national accreditation body for management systems certification bodies in the in the United States.

IAF works to enhance confidence and reduce risk in global trade by ensuring that certificates of conformance to international standards can be accepted as equal across national boundaries because national accreditation bodies engage in like practices. Accreditation by IAF member bodies assures users of the competence of the bodies that audit and issue certificates attesting to conformance with international standards.

"My highest priority as IAF Chair is to ensure that IAF is structured and has the resources to be able to fulfill the expectations of stakeholders," Dougherty said. "Worldwide, stakeholders look to IAF to ensure that accredited conformity assessment bodies are impartial and competent; this is necessary to inspire confidence that an accredited certification – whether of a product, a company's management system, or a person – can be relied on as an attestation by a competent and independent third party that the accredited body conforms to specified requirements."

"The accreditation mark of an IAF member accreditation body provides confidence in the results of accredited activity, regardless of where in the world the activity occurs. This helps facilitate global trade and reduce costs because the conformity assessment activity does not need to be repeated by another body," Dougherty said.

Prior to being named Chair of IAF, Dougherty served two terms as Chair of the IAF Technical Committee and member of the IAF Executive Committee. As IAF Chair, he succeeds Thomas Facklam of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Akkreditierung mbH, the German accreditation association.

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Dougherty has 25 years of experience in third-party conformity assessment. Before joining ANAB in 2001, he was president and CEO of NSF-ISR, Ltd., a management systems certification body. Prior to that, he was with NSF International, a standards development organization and third-party product certifier.

At the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), Dougherty is a member of the ISO Conformity Assessment Committee (CASCO) Chairman's Policy and Coordination Group and co-convenor of ISO/CASCO Work Group 21, which developed ISO/IEC 17021:2006, the international standard that specifies requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems.

Dougherty is co-convenor of the ISO 9000 Advisory Group, which was chartered by ISO Technical Committee 176 (developers of the ISO 9000 quality management system standards), the IAF Technical Committee, and ISO/CASCO. He is also a member of the IAF-International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)-ISO Joint Working Group.

The ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board provides accreditation services under the ACLASS and ANAB brands.

Under the **ANAB** brand, the organization is the U.S. accreditation body for management systems and accredits certification bodies for ISO 9001 quality management systems; ISO 14001 environmental management systems; ISO 22000 food safety management systems; ISO 28000 supply chain security management systems; ISO/IEC 20000-1 information technology service management systems; ISO 27001 information security management systems; ANSI/AIHA Z10, CSA Z1000, and BS OHSAS 18001 occupational health and safety management systems, and numerous industry-specific requirements.

Under the **ACLASS** brand, the organization accredits ISO/IEC 17025 testing and calibration laboratories, ISO/IEC 17020 inspection bodies, ISO Guide 34 reference material producers, and proficiency testing providers to ISO/IEC Guide 43.

The ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board is a member of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), and is a signatory of the ILAC and IAF multilateral recognition arrangements. Through these arrangements, the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board cooperates with other accreditation bodies around the world to provide value to the organization it has accredited and their clients, ensuring that accredited certificates are recognized nationally and internationally. The global conformity assessment system ensures confidence and reduces risk for customers engaging in trade worldwide.

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