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ANAB Offers Accreditation[®] for Basel Action Network's e-Stewards[®] Certification Program

MILWAUKEE – The ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) is now offering accreditation for the e-Stewards[®] Certification Program developed by the Basel Action Network.

The e-Stewards Standard is for use by organizations that have electronics recycling, processing, asset management, and refurbishment operations. The standard was developed by the environmental community in conjunction with industry experts in recycling and refurbishment, data security, worker health and safety, and auditing.

ANAB, the U.S. accreditation body for management systems, will provide oversight of third-party certification bodies that become accredited to conduct audits and issue certificates of conformance to electronic recycling organizations that successfully demonstrate they meet the requirements of the e-Stewards Standard.

"The e-Stewards Standard provides a means to respond to the need for responsible disposal of electronics waste, and ANAB's oversight of the certification program is intended to build confidence and value for consumers," Randy Dougherty, ANAB Vice President, said.

"The Basel Action Network greatly values the accreditation oversight that ANAB brings to the e-Stewards Certification Program," Sarah Westervelt, e-Stewardship Director for the Basel Action Network, said. "This will enhance the level of credibility of the program leading to greater confidence and value for all stakeholders worldwide."

To apply for ANAB's e-Stewards accreditation, certification bodies must have an office located in North America and be accredited by ANAB or another national accreditation body recognized by the International Accreditation Forum to provide certification to ISO 14001, the international standard for environmental management systems. Certification body auditors must successfully complete training established by the Basel Action Network prior to performing audits for e-Stewards certification.

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ANAB's accreditation requirements for e-Stewards certification were developed by a Committee of Experts that included representatives of the recycling industry, certification bodies, the Basel Action Network, and ANAB.

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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