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THE APPRENTICE & JOURNEYMEN TRAINING TRUST IS AWARDED NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Atlanta-The commission of the Council on Occupational Education (COE) has granted accreditation to the A&J Training Trust of Southern California. Announcement of the action was made by Dr. Lois Gackenhimer, Commission Chair, following the September Commission Meeting of the Council on Occupational Education on September 17, 2020.

The award of accreditation status is based on an evaluation to demonstrate that the institution meets not only the standards of quality of the Commission, but also the needs of students, the community, and employers.

The Commission's evaluation process includes an extensive self-study by the institution and an intensive review by a visiting team of professional educators representing the Commission's member institutions from other states.

The A&J Training Trust began its self-study in February, 2019 and underwent a team visit in August, 2019. The visiting team chairperson was Ms. Carol Hasegawa.

The Council on Occupational Education, based in Atlanta, Georgia, offers quality assurance services to postsecondary technical education providers across the nation. Organized as a non-profit corporation, the mission of the Council is to assure quality and integrity in career and technical education. Services offered include institutional accreditation (recognized by the U.S. Department of Education), program quality reviews for states and technical education providers, and informational services. Most of the Council's work is carried out by qualified professional volunteers who are experts in technical education.

Institutional membership in the Council is voluntary but can be achieved only by becoming accredited. The Council's current membership makes it unique. Members include postsecondary public technical institutes, specialized military and national defense schools, Job Corps Centers, private career schools, non-profit technical education providers, corporate and industry education units, and federal agency institutions. No other agency accredits and serves the diversity of organizations served by the Council. There are over 500 institutional members at the present time.