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## SEI Elects Officers and Directors

McLean, VA . . . . January 4, 2005. The Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) is pleased to announce the results of its recent election of Officers and Directors for 2005.

The SEI Board of Directors has elected the following officers: **Steven T. Edwards** as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer; **Kevin S. Berg** as Vice Chairman of the Board, and Patricia A. Gleason as President. All were elected to one year terms.

Mr. Edwards is Director of the **Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute**, University of Maryland in College Park, MD. Mr. Berg is Principal Vice President and Manager of Corporate Environmental, Safety, & Health Services, **Bechtel Corporation** in Frederick, MD, and Patricia A. Gleason serves as Chief Operating Officer of **SEI**.

The following additional Directors were elected to serve one-year terms:

George P. Kappler, Jr., President, Kappler Safety Group

Jim Tomaseski, Director - Safety and Health for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

Lawrence M. Zippin, Insurance Industry Consultant



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The SEI certification programs encompass annual product testing of all certified safety and protective equipment product models and quality assurance audits are conducted annually at the manufacturer's facility. SEI certifies hard hats, safety eyewear, emergency eyewash and safety showers, bump caps; fall protection equipment; fire service SCBA and rescue tools, fire fighters' helmets, boots and gloves for wildland, USAR, proximity and structural fire fighting; gas detector tube units; hazardous materials protective ensembles; protective clothing for emergency medical operations; personal alert safety systems (PASS) for fire fighters; fire service life safety rope, equestrian helmets and vests and bicycle helmets.

Information about SEI's certification program and the most current version of the **SEI Certified Product List**, can be accessed on SEI's web site, [www.SEInet.org](http://www.SEInet.org). The SEI home page includes the **SEI Certified Product List** which provides certified product model names and numbers, manufacturer's names, and contact information.

A copy of the **SEI Certified Product List** may also be obtained free of charge by writing to SEI, 1307 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, VA 22101. Requests may also be sent by fax: 703/442-5756 or by e-mail at: [info@SEInet.org](mailto:info@SEInet.org).

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