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### **ANSI Awards Meritorious Service Award to Patricia Gleason**



McLean, VA . . . . October 11, 2006. The Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) is pleased to announce Patricia Gleason was honored as an industry leader in the Standardization Community at the 2006 American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Awards Banquet and Ceremony October 10, 2006 in Washington, DC.

More than 100 members of the ANSI federation gathered at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC, to honor recipients of the 2006 Leadership and Service Awards. The event was part of the celebration of World Standards Week 2006.

The awards presentation began with an announcement of the eight recipients of the 2006 Meritorious Service Awards, which are presented to individuals who have a record of significant contributions to national and international voluntary standardization and have demonstrated outstanding service in enabling ANSI to achieve the objectives for which it was founded.

Patricia Gleason, president and chief operating officer of the Safety Equipment Institute, was recognized as a valuable resource in the field of product certification. An invaluable member of the ANSI Accreditation Committee, for which she now serves as chair, Ms. Gleason has been instrumental in shaping the Institute's procedures and activities for the accreditation. Ms. Gleason was presented with a commemorative trophy by Robert Noth, Chairman of the ANSI Board of Directors, and was accompanied onstage by the Lane Hallenbeck, Vice President of Conformity Assessment.

As a member of the ANSI Accreditation Committee, for which she currently serves as chair, Ms. Gleason has been instrumental in shaping and modifying ANSI's accreditation procedures. She is also an ANSI Appeals Board member, a member of the American Society of Association Executives and the American Society for Safety Engineers. In addition, Ms. Gleason serves as an officer on ASTM International's Homeland Security Committee Executive Committee, the National Fire Protection Association Technical Committee on Hazardous Materials Protective Clothing & Equipment, and is a member of the National Safety Council Exhibitor Advisory Board, serving as chair from 1997-1999.

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 <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.

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