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# Lerch Bates and QEI Services Sign Joint Venture Agreement

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January 18, 2011 – Lerch Bates and QEI Services have recently signed an agreement to jointly market and provide ASME QEI initial certification training and to conduct continuing education courses related to maintaining QEI certification.

This joint venture agreement partners Lerch Bates with QEI Services in the marketing and execution of classes throughout Lerch Bates' network of branches across the country to generate interest and enrollment in QEI certification. The aim for Lerch Bates and QEI Services will be to raise the bar for QEI education in the industry.

QEI Services will expand their geographic reach, while Lerch Bates strengthens its reputation as a code expert. "Lerch Bates is excited with the opportunity to partner with QEI Services to promote better code awareness which will ultimately improve elevator and escalator safety to the riding public" states Bryan Hines, Vice President of Lerch Bates.

"This is a great opportunity to extend the QEI Services brand with Lerch Bates on a national and international scope along with raising the level of education in the elevator industry," said Michael Robinson, President of QEI Services.

The QEI Services web site can be found at: <http://www.qeiservices.com> with the schedule of upcoming classes: <http://www.qeiservices.com/QEI/Classes>

## **ABOUT LERCH BATES**

Lerch Bates is an international consulting services firm with 35 offices throughout North America, Europe, the Middle East and India. Founded over 60 years ago, with elevator consulting as its cornerstone, we advise architects, developers, building investors, owners and managers on the design, sustainability and continuous use of a wide spectrum of building systems for any size or type of building.

We address each client's unique requirements for New Construction, Modernization, Maintenance and Acquisition from a customized selection of our integrated disciplines in Elevator Consulting, Materials Management/Materials Handling and Façade Access. We work in a wide range of sectors, including, among others, Commercial, Hotel, Residential, Healthcare, Retail, Education, Government, Transportation, Stadium, and Entertainment venues.

From the elevators ascending to the top of the tallest buildings in the world to the materials moving through the hidden corridors of major hospital systems, Lerch Bates provides our clients with Building Insight – delivering results with imagination and integrity.

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## **ABOUT QEI SERVICES**

QEI Services, a division of Robinson Elevator Group, is an ASME accredited organization that provides education and certification programs relied upon nationwide. We are one of only three companies in the entire world entrusted by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers to issue and control the Qualified Elevator Inspector Certifications. So if you want the highest level of training that is most relevant in the field today – find out why QEI is right for you. To learn more about QEI Services and the value of an ASME accreditation, call 1-888-651-9209 today.

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