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AUTHORIZED TESTING SITE PRESS RELEASE

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ADDA International's President Floyd McWilliams announced today Northeast Community College located in South Sioux City NE has been accepted as an ADDA Authorized Testing Site.

ADDA is a 501c3 non-profit industry and educational organization which represents the advancement of designers, drafters, technical illustrators and graphic artist in the Americas and around the world. ADDA was established as a drafting club in Bartlesville Oklahoma in 1948 and has since has become the world's only organization representing and supporting the graphics profession in over 80 disciplined areas. For more information on ADDA visit www.adda.org.

Northeast Community College is one of only 25 elite educational facilities around the nation which have successfully completed the rigorous approval process. Facilities must meet requirements set forth by the ADDA for delivery of the ADDA professional certification review process and delivery of the online ADDA professional certification examinations offered by ADDA.

The approval process includes providing state of the art technology and networking capabilities, training facilities which exceed standard training processes for delivery graphically based materials reflective of the changing technologies within the profession. The facility must offer proctors which are professionally trained, industry experienced and professionally certified to support this highly technical craft.

Northeast Community College design program is led by Danny Whitlock has been actively involved with ADDA for 25 years, and is dual certified through ADDA as a Professionally Certified Drafter in both Architectural and Mechanical Disciplines.

Northeast Community College will offer ADDA Examinations and Reviews to Students and Professionals throughout the Sioux City region. To obtain more information about becoming ADDA Professionally Certified contact ADDA directly at 731-627-0802 or contact Danny Whitlock at 402-241-6602

ADDA offers certification at several levels including Apprentice Level. The ADDA Certification Examinations challenge individuals in the principles, theory and standards of the design drafting industry. The examinations typically require training within a specific discipline or several years of experience to achieve a passing score.

ADDA Certification Examinations are not a national licensing process. It is a National Standardized Examination used to verify ability based on specific skill sets at each level of certification. These skill sets were provided by nationally recognized companies and corporations from around the world. ADDA Certification was originally created over 30 years ago, and has been updated and revised many times based on the changing standards. ADDA currently is accepted as the Certification Organization by 28 state departments of education and is recognized as the Premier Organization for design drafting by the US Department of Labor.

McWilliams further stated that interest in the design drafting profession is expanding due to the advancement in technology. More drafters and designers are realizing the importance of professional affiliation, certification and continuing education as an avenue to improve their skills, obtain a position or to seek other employment.

With the influx of computers and the changing tools used in the design drafting industry, it was conceived by many that drafting would no longer be needed. Today qualified and properly trained drafters and designers are in greater demand than ever.

Drafting is a constant; it is the language of engineering and architecture. Without the drafting process there is no item that can be constructed or manufactured. Drafting is the place where thoughts, ideas, and creativity become a reality.

McWilliams continued that if the profession were examined as a whole, only the tools of the profession and the job titles have changed. Drafting is still a very viable profession.

Today in lieu of being identified as a drafter, many are titled CADD Operators, Design Technicians, Illustrators, Graphic Designers, and other technical names.

Overall, to assist in the engineering, architecture, civil, or design process, individuals must still possess the basic knowledge of drawing creation, theory, and ability to carry out the engineering thought process. This can only be accomplished through proper training in schools where the instructors and programs meet or exceed education requirements for their discipline.

If you would like information on training as a Designer or Drafter contact the Northeast Community College at 402-241-6602. If you would like more information on becoming certified or a member of ADDA International contact corporate@adda.org