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BICSI & TIA RENEW FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

Tampa, Fla., July 12, 2010—BICSI, the association supporting the information technology systems (ITS) industry with information, education and knowledge assessment, and the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA), a trade association representing the global information and communications technology (ICT) industries, have signed a renewal to their friendship agreement.

BICSI President, Brian Hansen, RCDD, NTS, (right) and TIA President, Grant Seiffert (left), were onsite at BICSI World Headquarters for the official agreement signing. Both groups have been engaged in similar activities for a number of years, addressing their mutual interests in information communications technologies and trends, including standards, certifications, knowledge transfer and global technology advancement.



“Renewing the TIA/BICSI friendship agreement strengthens the relationship between our two associations that has been forged over the past several years,” said TIA President Grant Seiffert. “Working closely together enables us to continue being as technologically innovative as possible as the ICT industry evolves, while creating new business opportunities for our members.”

The agreement was signed for the purpose of promoting further growth and development of the telecommunications industries of the United States and the world at large. The two organizations plan to engage in a variety of cooperative activities.

“BICSI is very excited about the extension of the friendship agreement with TIA. We crafted the first friendship agreement in 2006 and have tweaked it every two years to keep it relevant,” said Hansen. “We look forward to continuing to build on what has been a very successful and trusting relationship.”

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BICSI is a professional association supporting the information technology systems (ITS) industry. ITS covers the spectrum of voice, data, electronic safety & security, and audio & video technologies. It encompasses the design, integration and installation of pathways, spaces, fiber- and copper-based distribution systems, wireless-based systems and infrastructure that supports the transportation of information and associated signaling between and among communications and information gathering devices.

BICSI provides information, education and knowledge assessment for individuals and companies in the ITS industry. We serve more than 23,000 ITS professionals, including designers, installers and technicians. These

individuals provide the fundamental infrastructure for telecommunications, audio/video, life safety and automation systems. Through courses, conferences, publications and professional registration programs, BICSI staff and volunteers assist ITS professionals in delivering critical products and services, and offer opportunities for continual improvement and enhanced professional stature.

Headquartered in Tampa, Florida, USA, BICSI membership spans nearly 90 countries. For more information, visit www.bicsi.org.

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About TIA

The Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) represents the global information and communications technology (ICT) industry through standards development, advocacy, tradeshow, business opportunities, market intelligence and worldwide environmental regulatory analysis. With roots dating back to 1924, TIA enhances the business environment for broadband, mobile wireless, information technology, networks, cable, satellite and unified communications. Members' products and services empower communications in every industry and market, including healthcare, education, security, public safety, transportation, government, the military, the environment and entertainment.

TIA is accredited by the [American National Standards Institute](http://www.nist.gov) (ANSI). Visit tiaonline.org.

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