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## **Charles E. Hartke Receives ASQ-Certified Six Sigma Black Belt**

Milwaukee, Wis., May 20, 2011 — The Certification Board of ASQ (American Society for Quality) is pleased to announce that Charles E. Hartke has completed the requirements to be named an ASQ-Certified Six Sigma Black Belt (ASQ CSSBB). As such, Charles E. Hartke has reached a significant level of professional recognition, indicating a proficiency in and a comprehension of Six Sigma principles and practices. Individuals who earn this certification are allowed to use “ASQ CSSBB” on their business cards and professional correspondence.

“ASQ provides certification as a way to provide formal recognition to professionals who have demonstrated an understanding of, and a commitment to, quality techniques and practices in their job and career,” explains E. David Spong, ASQ president. “This is a great accomplishment and, although not a formal registration or licensure, it represents a high level of peer recognition.”

A Certified Six Sigma Black Belt is a professional who applies Six Sigma philosophies and principles, including supporting systems and tools in a variety of business situations. A Black Belt demonstrates team leadership and manages team dynamics in all aspects of the DMAIC model (define, measure, analyze, improve, control), understands lean enterprise concepts and uses tools to identify non-value-added activities

Since 1968, when the first ASQ certification examination was given, more than 170,000 individuals have taken the path to reaching their goal of becoming ASQ-Certified in their field or profession, including many of who have attained more than one designation. To learn more about ASQ’s Certified Six Sigma Black Belt program, visit <http://www.asq.org/certification/six-sigma/>.

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