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As we complete our tenth year as the NSF's National Resource Center for Aerospace Technical Education, we're initiating changes that reflect new directions in creating a world-class testing and certification center. To that end, we began the transition to our new location in the City of Cape Canaveral on June 4<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to be expanding our operations beyond aerospace and preparing to certify the technical workforce in manufacturing, aviation, automotive, biotechnology, facilities, maintenance and repair, and other technologies with aerospace-related disciplines.

To achieve our goals and to reach out to a much greater audience, our operations now extend beyond the boundaries of the federal enclave comprising the Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station that we have called home since our inception in 2000. Our move was prompted by the desire to serve a much broader audience in tough economic times and the need for greater access for those seeking industry-driven, performance-based, nationally recognized credentials.

Our new facility is located right on A1A, adjacent to the Information and Visitors' Center at 7099 N. Atlantic Avenue, Suite 300, Cape Canaveral Florida, 32920. Since it is outside the secure areas at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, we can open our activities to essentially all employers and interested candidates as well as the general public. We have about 4500 sq. ft. of space and are now operational. Our next steps are to publicize the changes in our contact information to the public as well as our partners, practitioners, SpaceTEC Examiners, and others nationwide.

We welcome any thoughts, suggestions, and ideas for initiatives that will serve the education and certification needs of those in the technical workforce requiring hands-on skills and performance-based competencies. As we begin this new phase of operations, we look forward to championing the cause of certifying technical employee competence wherever needed.

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