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CVSN Announces Heavy Duty Technician Training Alliance

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The Commercial Vehicle Solutions Network is pleased to announce an alliance with three great companies who will provide training for technicians in the heavy duty truck repair market. The three training companies are ProMech Learning Systems, Service Professionals Incorporated (SPI), and WheelTime University. Access to the training sites can be found on the CVSN website, www.CVSN.org. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA) and CVSN has created challenges for independent repair technicians. As trucks become more integrated with computers, specific training will be necessary for today's and tomorrow's technicians. While dealer personnel receive this training from the Original Equipment Manufacturers, the independent channel needed to create its own training sources.

Each training company offers different options for training. Training is offered on site, regional, and through the internet. In addition, the training is modular so it covers all aspects of training from beginning courses, ASE certification, and more sophisticated training including engine repair and computer diagnosis and ECM reset. Technicians can choose the level of training they require.

As an association dedicated to finding commercial vehicle solutions, CVSN created these options with the intent of making this training available to everyone in the heavy duty aftermarket. CVSN has worked with the training providers to keep the costs down. CVSN members will receive an additional discount.

George Arrants, Program Director for WheelTime University (WTU) said "WheelTime University's award winning, on-line and instructor-led training program was developed to give shop managers everything they need to assess key skills, target training to specific needs, and track the progress of every technician. Partnering with CVSN has allowed us to reach a broader audience and work together to grow technicians and the industry."

Michael Compisi, VP of Operations for Pro-Mech Learning Systems said "Pro-MECH applauds CVSN's efforts to drive the right-to-repair (RTR) initiative and is developing training programs that incorporate the information that the aftermarket now has access and is in a unique position to provide training options for the heavy duty technician at all levels."

Jack Schickler, President of SPI, Service Professionals Incorporated said "This announcement by CVSN shows that they are taking a comprehensive approach to meeting a critical need for vehicle service support in the transportation industry. It goes beyond education alone and recognizes that SYSTEMS are the answers we all need. They are providing the pathway to those answers."

"Even with improved scan tools and licenses from the OEM's for reset codes, lack of training can lead to improper repairs", said Marc Karon, CVSN Chairman of the Right to Repair Coalition. "CVSN thanks these three world class companies for stepping up and filling this void in the independent service channel."

To learn more about CVSN and/or for membership information contact CVSN at 904-737-2900 or go to www.CVSN.org.

About CVSN: CVSN (www.cvsn.org), with 65 members and over 400 member warehouse locations across North America, is the voice of the independent aftermarket distributor. The mission of CVSN is to strengthen its members' businesses through Best Practices training and education and building strong relationships between members and their supply partners across North America. CVSN is a one-third owner of the all-industry HDAW event in Vegas and hosts an Aftermarket Distribution Summit every September for top industry distributor and supplier executives.