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Rafael E. Ardila Receives ASQ-Certified Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence

Milwaukee, Wis., 10/05/2013 — The Certification Board of ASQ is pleased to announce that **Rafael E. Ardila** has completed the requirements to be named an ASQ-Certified Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence, or ASQ CMQ/OE.

As such, **Rafael E. Ardila** has reached a significant level of professional recognition, indicating a proficiency in and a comprehension of quality management principles and practices. Individuals who earn this certification are allowed to use “ASQ CMQ/OE” 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,” said John Timmerman, ASQ chair. “This is a great accomplishment and, although not a formal registration or licensure, it represents a high level of peer recognition.”

In order to sit for the Certified Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence examination, an individual must have 10 years of work experience related to the Body of Knowledge. The Certified Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence is a professional who leads and champions process-improvement initiatives - everywhere from small businesses to multinational corporations - that can have regional or global focus in a variety of service and industrial settings.

Since 1968, when the first ASQ certification examination was given, more than 180,000 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.

About ASQ

ASQ is a global community of people dedicated to quality who share the ideas and tools that make our world work better. With millions of individual and organizational members of the community in 150 countries, ASQ has the reputation and reach to bring together the diverse quality champions who are transforming the world's corporations, organizations, and communities to meet tomorrow's critical challenges. ASQ is headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis., with national service centers in China, India, and Mexico. Learn more about ASQ's members, mission, technologies, and training at www.asq.org.