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NWSA Successfully Completes Year Two of the ANSI National Accreditation Board Accreditation Surveillance Process

(Fairfax, VA) – The National Wireless Safety Alliance (NWSA) announced today that the organization has successfully completed the required ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) year two surveillance review process.

ANAB's audit of NWSA occurs annually as a requirement of its accreditation, with an on-site inspection by ANAB auditors every other year. ANAB requires specific data be submitted on an annual basis and it only grants continued accreditation if all requirements are met.

The year two surveillance review process, led by an ANAB assessment team, ultimately concluded that based on the review of the materials, virtual assessments, and random sampling process, NWSA continues to meet all the requirements set forth in ISO/IEC 17024, as well as ANAB policies and procedures. ANAB's decision is significant as it equates to continued accreditation to the ISO/EIC 17024 standard for the NWSA's Telecommunications Tower Technician I (TTTI) and Telecommunications Tower Technician II (TTTII) certification programs.

"NWSA is excited to have received this positive year two surveillance review affirmation from ANAB regarding our organization's industry-specific certification programs," said Executive Director Duane MacEntee. "Achieving this continued ANSI accreditation is validation that the NWSA is the gold-standard for professional trade certification programs offered in the communications infrastructure industry. Today's news will help NWSA continue to scale our programs among tower workers in the industry," added MacEntee.

Industry workers, companies and stakeholders are encouraged to visit the NWSA website at www.nws-a.org to learn more about the organization and how to begin the process of obtaining certification.

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About NWSA

The <u>National Wireless Safety Alliance (NWSA)</u> is a non-profit organization established by the communications industry to provide thorough, independent assessments of knowledge and skills and provide verifiable worker trade certifications to enhance safety, reduce workplace risk, improve quality, encourage training, and recognize the skilled professionals who work on towers and other non-standard structures.

About ANAB

The <u>ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB)</u> is the largest multi-disciplinary ISO/IEC 17011 accreditation body in North America, with comprehensive signatory status across the multilateral recognition arrangements of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and International Accreditation Forum (IAF). ANAB is a wholly owned subsidiary of the <u>American National Standards Institute (ANSI)</u>, a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting the U.S. voluntary standards and conformity assessment system and strengthening its impact, both domestically and internationally.