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**IACET Re-Certifies Hixson**

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(CINCINNATI; November 30, 2010) – Hixson, a Cincinnati-based architecture, engineering and interior design firm, announced today that its award-winning, internal corporate learning center known as Hixson University has been re-certified as an Authorized Provider by the International Association for Continuing Education & Training (IACET), an internationally recognized continuing education accreditation and certification agency. IACET Authorized Providers are the only organizations approved to offer IACET Continuing Education Units (CEUs), which are used for the maintenance of professional certifications and registrations.

“Hixson is one of only two companies in the Tristate area who have internal corporate training programs that have been accredited by IACET,” said Rick Hampton, Hixson Senior Vice President and Director of Hixson University. “As we develop new training courses, we look forward to upholding IACET’s high standards and moving our associates’ learning to the next level.”

To keep its Authorized Provider status, Hixson completed a rigorous application process, including a review by an IACET site visitor, and successfully demonstrated adherence to the ANSI/IACET 1-2007 Standard addressing the design, development, administration, and evaluation of its internal programs. The recognition period extends for five years, and includes programs offered or created during that time.

Having provided organized, in-house learning since 1990, Hixson created the Hixson University structure in 2001 to better serve associates’ training needs. Hixson University is comprised of six colleges: Fundamentals and Orientation, General Business Skills, Professional Development, Leadership and Management, Learning Tracks, and

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Personal Enrichment. These colleges are focused on providing learning opportunities in a specific area of knowledge and development. Courses are presented by both internal associates who have specialized subject knowledge and experience as well as highly qualified technical instructors from outside the firm.

“Continuing to be able to offer IACET-accredited CEUs through Hixson University, along with Hixson’s 100% tuition reimbursement policy, gives Hixson associates many options to be able to meet their professional and personal development goals,” said Hampton. “We are proud of this accomplishment and thank IACET for the continued recognition of our program.”

### **ABOUT IACET**

The International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) is a non-profit association dedicated to quality continuing education and training programs. IACET is the only standard-setting organization approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for continuing education and training. The ANSI/IACET 1-2007 Standard is the core of thousands of educational programs worldwide. For more information, please visit [www.iacet.org](http://www.iacet.org) or call 703-506-3275.

### **ABOUT HIXSON**

Hixson is an architecture, engineering and interior design firm specializing in projects for corporate office environments, retail projects, R&D facilities and industrial processing plants. Hixson, listed as one of the top firms in North America, delivers insight and advocacy leading to intelligent project execution through 16 in-house, integrated technical disciplines. To learn more, please visit [www.hixson-inc.com](http://www.hixson-inc.com).

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