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HD Supply Facilities Maintenance Expands Hospitality Industry Leadership Through Industry Recognized Certification

On-going training and association leadership underscore company's continued commitment to hospitality industry

San Diego, CA – Nov. 7, 2013 – HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, a leading single-source supplier to the hospitality industry, today announced that more than 100 of its associates have obtained the Certified Master Hotel Supplier (CMHS) designation, more than any other supplier in the hospitality industry.

“As a professional supplier, it is important that we have a deep understanding of the hotel industry. By supporting all of our hospitality associates through the CMHS program, we are empowering them to help our customers identify practical solutions to real-world challenges,” said David Kahn, CMHS and vice president, HD Supply Facilities Maintenance – Hospitality Solutions.

The CMHS designation is considered by the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute to be the highest honor for professional excellence offered to suppliers of products and services to the hospitality industry. HD Supply Facilities Maintenance now boasts a total of 110 designees, which includes sales, merchandising and marketing associates. Future newly hired associates dedicated to serving Hospitality customers will apply for the CMHS program.

“HD Supply has consistently displayed dedication to the hospitality industry through committee participation and sponsorships,” said Robert L. Steele III, CHA – president and COO of the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute (EI). “By supporting so many of its employees through the CMHS program, they have taken that support to the next level.”

The company has a history of leadership and support within the hospitality industry, including several senior leaders who currently hold leadership positions within key industry associations.

- Rajan Batra, senior national account manager – Hospitality Solutions was appointed in March 2013 to a two-year term as Allied Director at Large for the Asian American Hotel Owners Association.
- Bree Lewis, senior industry development manager – Hospitality Solutions serves on the Women in Lodging Executive Council in the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AH&LA) and the Board of Directors for the Latino Hotel & Restaurant Association.

- Geoff Feingold, director of national accounts – Hospitality Solutions serves as Chairman of the AH&LA's Allied Executive Council.

Several key HD Supply Facilities Maintenance leaders, including those mentioned above will attend the International Hotel, Motel + Restaurant Show at the Jacob K. Javits Center in New York City November 9-12.

HD Supply has continued to invest in the hospitality industry despite the uncertain economic conditions over the years. "We are committed to fielding the most knowledgeable team in the industry and providing our customers with the best products, fulfillment, support and services available. Our participation in the CMHS program as well as the associations we support punctuates that commitment," said Kahn.

About HD Supply Facilities Maintenance

HD Supply Facilities Maintenance (hdsupplysolutions.com) is a leading supplier of maintenance, repair and operations (MRO) products to owners and managers of multifamily, hospitality, educational and commercial properties; healthcare providers; and municipal and government facilities. HD Supply Facilities Maintenance has 43 distribution centers, a fleet of more than 700 delivery vehicles and 27,000 items in stock and is a business of HD Supply (hdsupply.com), one of the largest diversified industrial distribution companies in North America.

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