North American Technician Excellence (NATE) and NOCTI Announce Partnership

Big Rapids, MI (October, 2016) – North American Technician Excellence (NATE), the nation’s largest non-profit certification organization for heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration technicians, and NOCTI, the leader in creating customized and standardized credentialing solutions for secondary and post-secondary career and technical education programs, have recently announced a partnership. Starting in 2017, students will receive a NATE secondary-level certificate and digital badge for successful passage of the NOCTI Job Ready HVAC Installation and Start-up or the HVAC Service and Repair credentials. “We believe this collaboration will give HVAC students a jumpstart on their career path,” said John C. Foster, Ph.D., President/CEO of NOCTI.

The NATE secondary-level certificate and digital badge will support future HVAC technicians as they pursue additional formal training via a post-secondary program and/or HVAC employment. Furthermore, those technicians will have a foundation that will support the future pursuit of third-party recognition with NATE such as the Industry Competency Exam or ICE, and professional certifications.

“For nearly 20 years, NATE has provided certification testing for the industry’s finest, more experienced technicians. We are pleased to partner with NOCTI to introduce NATE to students at the beginning of their HVAC education to support them throughout their careers,” said John Lanier, NATE Chief Operating Officer.

For further information about the NATE secondary-level certificate and badge offered through NOCTI, an overview of exam content, and steps to administering the exam, please visit http://nocti.org/CertificateProgram-NATE.cfm.

About NATE
Headquartered in Arlington, Va., NATE was founded in 1997 as the nation’s largest industry-endorsed, non-profit certification organization for heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration technicians. Candidates can earn installation and/or service certification in specialty areas including air-conditioning, air distribution, heat pumps, gas heating, oil heating, hydronic gas, hydronic oil, and commercial, light commercial refrigeration and senior efficiency
analyst. NATE also offers the International Ground Source Heat Pump test. For more information about NATE, visit www.natex.org.

About NOCTI
NOCTI is the nation’s largest provider of industry-based credentials and partner industry certifications for career and technical education (CTE) programs across the nation. NOCTI provides curricular and instructional improvement tools for secondary and post-secondary institutions. In addition to over 100 industry-based credentials, NOCTI also works with customers to create customized solutions. Services include job and task analysis, assessment construction, assessment delivery, credentialing, score reporting, score interpretation, digital badging, and professional development workshops. Nocti Business Solutions, a subsidiary of NOCTI, addresses the needs of business/industry by offering customized solutions to enhance workplace productivity. For more information, visit www.nocti.org.