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ASSE/IAPMO/ANSI Series 13000-2015 Now Available

Service Plumber and Residential Mechanical Service Technician Professional Qualifications Standard

Mokena, Ill. (Feb. 24, 2015) — ASSE/IAPMO/ANSI Series 13000-2015, *Service Plumber and Residential Mechanical Service Technician Professional Qualifications Standard*, has been approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and is now available for purchase.

With the increasing complexity of our nation's residential plumbing and mechanical systems, ASSE International and the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) recognized the need to establish a level of competency necessary for the installation, inspection and maintenance of sustainable plumbing and mechanical systems. As such, the ASSE/IAPMO/ANSI Series 13000 was developed to institute a minimum level of practical experience and knowledge for an individual to demonstrate competency as a service plumber or residential mechanical service technician to protect public health, safety and the environment.

"With the emergence of sustainable technologies, added to the wide array of existing plumbing systems across the country, the importance of having a properly educated, experienced and dedicated workforce of professional service plumbers and residential mechanical service technicians has never been higher," said ASSE International President and Series 13000 Working Group Chairman Douglas A. Marian. "By setting the minimum knowledge requirements relating to customer service, products, systems, installation and documentation, along with the minimum level of practical experience required to service, maintain and repair plumbing systems and residential mechanical systems, employers, business owners and home owners now have a basis for determining whether a service plumber or mechanical service technician is qualified to safely, effectively and efficiently work in our nation's homes and businesses."

The ASSE/IAPMO/ANSI Series 13000 contains two standards: ASSE Standard 13010, *Professional Qualifications Standard for the Service Plumber*, which includes general knowledge requirements and performance criteria for individuals who service, maintain and repair plumbing systems, and ASSE Standard 13020, *Professional Qualifications Standard for the Residential Mechanical Service Technician*, which includes general knowledge requirements and performance criteria for individuals who service, maintain and repair residential mechanical systems. The standard series also features two appendices, including an expansive collection of service plumbing and mechanical service vocabulary and definitions.

To purchase the ANSI-approved ASSE/IAPMO/ANSI Series 13000-2015, please visit the ASSE International Webstore at stores.assewebstore.com. For questions regarding the Series 13000, contact Marianne Waickman, ASSE International professional qualifications coordinator, by email at marianne.waickman@asse-plumbing.org or by telephone at (708) 995-3015.

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