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Randy Vaughan “Founders Award” Applications Available

First-Time Attendees Apply to Receive Free Registration

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA, September 13, 2011 — The NSCA Education Foundation is now accepting applications for the Randy Vaughan “Founder’s Award,” which provides free registration to the 2012 NSCA Business & Leadership Conference. This honor represents the Foundation’s mission to provide ongoing training to current system integration professionals.

Ten awards will be given in this inaugural year of the “Founder’s Award.” These awards, in honor of Vaughan’s commitment to the systems integration community, will be given to qualified applicants interested in attending the Business & Leadership Conference (BLC) for the first time. The conference is attended by seasoned as well as up-and-coming industry managers, owners and executives.

“Randy was a passionate advocate of what BLC contributes to the systems integration industry and was committed to helping association members become professional and well-trained systems integrators,” said Andy Musci, NSCA Education Foundation board president.

NSCA's BLC is the only industry-specific conference where owners, executives and managers of commercial electronic systems companies meet to discuss common obstacles, challenges and opportunities. The 2012 conference will be held March 1-3, 2012, in Dallas, Texas.

Randy Vaughan was a charter member of NSCA, a well-known and respected integrator of both the commercial and residential electronic systems industry. Randy served on the NSCA Board of Directors from 1997-2008, including a year two-year term as president beginning in 2005. Additionally, he served as an instructor for NSCA University™ for more than 12 years, and was named its Educator of the Year in 2007. He also served as chairman of the NSCA Education Committee for a number of years. His greatest accomplishments for NSCA include the creation of NSCA University and the Business & Leadership Conference, and his role as a subject matter expert and content developer for the industry.

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“In honor of Randy, and what he stood for within our industry, the ‘Vaughan BLC Founders Award’ will work to raise awareness of the contributions and opportunities BLC provides,” said Chuck Wilson, executive director of NSCA.

The Foundation has received many contributions and pledges since the news of Randy’s death in late December. During the 2011 Business & Leadership Conference, long-time NSCA member and Education Foundation board member Loyd Ivey, Atlas Sound/IED, contributed \$10,000 to kick off the Vaughan award. Ivey noted that Randy’s commitment to building better integrators would be passed on through the years of this conference because of this scholarship.

Applications will be due by December 15, 2011 and winners will be notified by January 2012. For more information on the award or to apply visit www.nasca.org/foundation or contact Education Foundation Managing Director, Barbra Snitker, at bsnitker@nsca.org or 800.446.6722.

About the NSCA Education Foundation

The NSCA Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that supports educational initiatives focused on the future growth and stability of the commercial electronic systems industry. The goals of the Foundation include: making training available and affordable for industry professionals and students, attracting new qualified individuals into the industry; and providing the industry with leadership and direction through educational programs. For more information, visit www.nscafoundation.org.