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**NOCA Seeking Advisory Panel Members for NOCA Certificate Accreditation Program****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**WASHINGTON, DC** (July 27, 2009) – A highly successful series of webinars involving over 125 participants from regulatory/licensure bodies, education/training providers, and certification bodies resulted in a positive open dialogue between stakeholders concerning *ANSI/NOCA 1100, Assessment Based Certificate Programs* and the development of a NOCA accreditation program based on the Standard. NOCA is now seeking interested parties to participate on a NOCA Advisory Panel charged with the goal of developing policies and procedures for the accreditation program. NOCA has developed a document, [\*\*Background Paper on the ANSI/NOCA 1100 Standard\*\*](#), to help in understanding the purpose of ANSI/NOCA 1100.

If you are interested in participating please [click here](#) and complete return the application form. **You do not have to be a NOCA member to participate!** Also, if you have an interest in becoming a voting member of the NOCA Main Committee on Certificate Programs, the consensus body responsible for the development and maintenance of ANSI/NOCA 1100 please [click here](#) and complete the application. **In the spirit of NOCA's commitment to openness you do not have to be a NOCA member to participate on either accreditation program advisory panel or the standard main committee.**

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Executive Director of NOCA, Jim Kendzel, directly at [jkendzel@noca.org](mailto:jkendzel@noca.org).

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Established in 1977, NOCA is the international leader in setting quality standards for credentialing organizations and through its division, the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), has provided over 30 years of accrediting services to the credentialing industry. NOCA's membership is composed of credentialing organizations, testing companies and individual professional development consultants. Through its annual conference, web seminars and publications, NOCA serves as the source for information on the latest trends and issues of concern to practitioners and organizations focused on certification, licensure and human resources development. NOCA and NCCA are headquartered in Washington, DC, with an office in Chicago. The Web site address is [www.noca.org](http://www.noca.org).

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