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NOCA Accredited as Developer of American National Standards

WASHINGTON, DC (July 11, 2008) –The National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA) was recently accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as a developer of American National Standards. Becoming accredited by ANSI signifies that the processes and procedures NOCA has put in place to develop standards meet the stringent requirements of openness, balance, consensus, and due process.

NOCA's accreditation signifies an important milestone in NOCA's ability to develop American national standards around certificate programs and other credentialing products and services. NOCA's President, Cyndi Miller Murphy is excited about this important achievement for NOCA stating, "We are very pleased to receive this recognition and accomplish this important milestone. ANSI's accreditation of NOCA as a standards developer allows us to increase our breadth in the marketplace and develop additional benefits for our members and the credentialing industry."

NOCA's achievement of obtaining ANSI accreditation also verifies that American National Standards developed by NOCA satisfy all of the requirements of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NSSTA) of 1995. The act encourages federal agencies to utilize voluntary consensus standards development activities. This accomplishment furthers NOCA's already impressive reputation as the source for credentialing solutions worldwide.

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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, webinars 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 based in Washington, DC. The Web site address is www.noca.org.