



ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE ASSOCIATION

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ESDA CONFERS PROGRAM MANAGER CERTIFICATION STATUS

The Electrostatic Discharge Association (ESDA) confers Program Manager Certification status upon seven individuals.

Dale Fuller, Seagate Technology; **Brad Klepsa**, Advanced Telemetry Systems, Inc.; **Marcus Koh**, Everfeed Technology Pte. Ltd.; **Jim Krzmarzick**, SAIC-NASA; **Jeff Salisbury**, Seagate Technology; **Keith Smith**, Honeywell; and **Luis Velazquez**, Curtis Instruments (Puerto Rico), Inc. achieved ESDA's certification upon successful completion of the association's Program Manager Certification exam, held at the 2006 EOS/ESD Symposium in Tucson, Arizona.

"This is the second graduating class of individuals on whom the ESDA has conferred certification status," said Dave Swenson, ESDA senior vice president and Program Manager Chairman. "Our first Program Manager Certification exam was offered at our Symposium in 2005, and with the addition of the 2006 class, the ESDA has conferred Program Manager Certification status to a total of 13 individuals."

The certification program was designed by the ESDA, and the test was developed and graded by the Program Manager Certification Council.

The ESD Association's Board of Directors recognizes the need to offer a certification program for individuals who are involved in designing, implementing, managing and auditing ESD control programs in their facilities. The ESDA Certified Professional Program Manager certification program was announced in 2003 to serve that purpose.

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The following Program Manager Certification Seminars and Tutorials are offered by the ESD Association at various locations throughout the year:

- ESD Program Development and Assessment (ANSI/ESD S20.20 Seminar) (two-day course)
- ESD Basics for the Program Manager (full-day course)
- Air Ionization: Issues and Answers (half-day course)
- How To's of In-Plant ESD Auditing and Evaluation Measurements (full-day course)
- Packaging Principles for the Program Manager (half-day course)
- ESD Standards Overview for the Program Manager (half-day course)
- Device Technology and FA Overview (half-day course)
- Electrostatic Calculations for the ESD Engineer (half-day course)
- Cleanrooms Considerations for the Program Manager (half-day course)
- System Level ESD/EMI: Testing to IEC and Other Standards (half-day course)

ESD Association will host the first annual Device Design Certification Exam in September during the association's 2007 EOS/ESD Symposium in Anaheim, California. Details regarding the Device Design Certification exam, as well as required device design courses are available at www.esda.org/devicedesign.html.

Visit www.esda.org/education.html to download a copy of the 2007 Education Schedule, which provides course dates and locations for the first half of the year.

To obtain additional information about professional certification at the 2007 EOS/ESD Symposium, please contact the ESD Association: Phone: 315-339-6937, Fax 315-339-6793, Email: info@esda.org, www.esda.org.

Founded in 1982, The ESDA is a not-for-profit, professional organization dedicated to furthering the technology and understanding of electrostatic discharge. The Association sponsors education programs, develops ESD standards, holds an annual technical symposium, and fosters the exchange of technical information among its members and others.

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