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Shuster Laboratories to Present NRA Session on “Global Sourcing for Non-Food Restaurant Supplies”

Canton, MA, April 29, 2008 – Shuster Laboratories, an STR Group Company, will present a session at the NRA Show 2008 on “Taking the Mystery Out of Global Sourcing for Non-Food Restaurant Supplies” for buyers, retailers, and food service operators who want to ensure the highest level of confidence in the quality, safety, and function of their non-food restaurant supplies imported from overseas. The talk, which will be held from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. on May 20, 2008 at McCormick Place in Chicago, will address sourcing issues from offshore locations and provide detailed, practical information to successfully manage critical points in the supply chain.

Using real-world product examples, the session will show companies how to:

- Develop an effective gap analysis to identify possible risks in their supply chain.
- Implement an inspection, auditing, and testing program for comprehensive quality systems management throughout the product life cycle.
- Conduct a social compliance assessment to ensure responsible sourcing.
- Incorporate C-TPAT monitoring and verification for supply chain security.
- Develop a supplier scorecard system for timely and effective monitoring of supplier performance.

“Consumers are increasingly concerned about the safety of products sourced overseas,” said Tom Harney, Associate Director, Business Development at Shuster Laboratories. “If a company is buying restaurant supplies from overseas, then they must have a program in place to ensure product quality and safety at all critical points in the supply chain. This is just as important with non-food products as it is with food products.”

The session is free with an NRA Show badge. Shuster will be exhibiting at the NRA show at booth #9108.

Reporters are welcome to attend Shuster's session and/or meet individually with representatives from Shuster to discuss these and/or other issues at their booth #9108. Please contact Amy Blumenthal or Elizabeth Dierze at 617-879-1511 if you would like to set up a meeting.

Shuster Laboratories, a Specialized Technology Resources (STR) company, is an independent provider of quality assurance testing, product development, and supply chain support services for a cross section of consumer product industries. STR, a privately held, U.S. owned company, is strategically located throughout the world in over 70 countries. The STR Group Companies provide testing, audit, inspection, and responsible sourcing services and help ensure that clients have the highest level of confidence in the quality, safety, and social standards of their products and systems.

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