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CSCC and UCLA Extension to Deliver Seminars on Supply Chain Compliance in Social and Security Standards

LOS ANGELES (August 21, 2007) – Cal Safety Compliance Corporation (CSCC), a leading global provider of responsible sourcing services to the world's largest brands and retailers, and UCLA Extension, one of America's largest and most comprehensive adult education schools, will offer two seminars on social compliance and supply chain security near the UCLA campus this fall.

Titled "**Supply Chain Social and Security Compliance,**" the seminars will be held in **Westwood Village, Los Angeles, on Oct. 6 and Oct. 13.** The seminars feature two CSCC experts on social and security compliance, with more than 10 years of combined field experience. Attendees will gain insight into the real-world issues facing social compliance and supply chain security professionals, including historical context on the topics, implications to the trade community, and useful program development and management approaches.

"This is really a ground-breaking collaboration for CSCC," says Cara Chacon, Director of Training and Education at CSCC and the lecturer for the seminar to be held Oct. 13. "UCLA is a world-renowned academic institution so the opportunity to partner with UCLA Extension to offer these seminars is an indication that responsible sourcing is not a fad or a marginal issue in the minds of businesses and consumers, but one that is central to how business and society will interact now and in the foreseeable future."

The Oct. 6 seminar will focus on key aspects of supply chain security, including the Container Security Initiative, 24-hour advanced manifest rule, the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, and the more recent World Customs Organization and European Union supply chain security programs.

The Oct. 13 seminar will feature an overview of the most common supply chain risks encompassing human rights issues, wage and hour problems, and workplace safety concerns, as well as insight into the business case for compliance to social standards for brands and suppliers, and a critical look at effective and ineffective responsible sourcing program mechanisms to mitigate supply chain risk.

For more information and enrollment, visit
http://www.uclaextension.edu/unex/pdf/SupplyChain_F07.pdf.

About UCLA Extension

Serving students in Southern California and beyond since 1917, UCLA Extension is one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive continuing higher education providers. Each year UCLA Extension offers 4,500 courses and programs, linking 65,000 adults of diverse backgrounds to enhanced career, academic, and personal growth opportunities through lifelong learning.

Website: www.uclaextension.edu

About the lecturers

Cara Chacon, is the Director of Training and Education at CSCC. She has over 7 years of experience in the responsible sourcing industry, having conducted over 1000 audits in 30 countries around the world and is responsible for the development and delivery of innovative tools and programs for internal and external trainings for a global roster of auditors and corporate clients. Ms. Chacon has a Masters in International Affairs from California State University, Sacramento, and has been invited to speak at several conferences and seminars on topics related to responsible sourcing.

Nick Allen has been Manager for Supply Chain Security at CSCC for over 2 years, and has been responsible for the successful development of C-TPAT monitoring programs for brands, retailers, global freight forwarders, and logistics service providers. Before that, Nick attended the Monterey Institute of International Studies, earning an MA in International Trade Policy where he specialized in Supply Chain Security initiatives and their implication on US trade policy. He has participated in numerous conferences and seminars on supply chain security and C-TPAT compliance, and is a regular contributor to CSCC's blog (<http://csc.typepad.com/responsiblesourcing>) where he provides insight on the newest developments in international supply chain security standards.

About CSCC

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