McLEAN, Virginia – Mr. Bryan Downer recently earned accreditation by 3-A Sanitary Standards, Inc. as a Certified Conformance Evaluator (CCE). Based in Springfield, MO., Mr. Downer is V.P. of Product Management at Central States Industrial and has over 23 years of experience designing and building hygienic fluid and power handling equipment and systems for the Food, Dairy, Beverage, and Bio-Pharmaceutical industries.

Accreditation as a CCE is required for individuals who wish to conduct Third Party Verification (TPV) inspections of food processing equipment and systems covered by 3-A Sanitary Standards and/or Accepted Practices. The TPV inspection was implemented by 3-A SSI in 2003 as a requirement for equipment manufacturers or used equipment resellers to obtain or renew authorization to use the 3-A Symbol. The authorized use of the 3-A Symbol on such equipment shows conformance to 3-A Sanitary Standards for sanitary equipment design, fabrication and construction materials.

Mr. Downer has been active with 3-A SSI since 2011 and received the 3-A SSI Next Generation Award in 2013 in recognition of his leadership, dedication and significant contributions to the development of 3-A Sanitary Standards or 3-A Accepted Practices. Mr. Downer holds a Bachelor of Applied Science from Missouri State University and a Master of Business from Evangel University.

To qualify for the CCE credential, a candidate must meet specific education and professional experience requirements and pass a written examination to demonstrate the ability to review and evaluate complex processes, knowledge of the types of equipment and processes to which 3-A Sanitary Standards are applied, and the ability to interpret engineering drawings pertaining to manufacturing equipment and instrumentation for the food processing industries. CCE candidates must also complete a short orientation course as the final accreditation requirement.

A total of 17 professionals currently hold the CCE credential. Since the TPV inspection program was implemented, thousands of TPV inspections have been completed at fabrication facilities within the U.S. and 46 other countries around the world to verify the equipment conforms to 3-A Sanitary Standards.

Complete details on 3-A SSI TPV inspection program requirements and a current roster of the CCEs are available at the 3-A SSI web site at www.3-a.org and http://www.3-a.org/TPV-Resources/Certified-Conformance-Evaluators.
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