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## **Gas Certification Institute Announces SCADA Security Training Partnership**

**HOUSTON, September 1, 2009** – Gas Certification Institute, LLC (GCI), a leader in training for natural gas measurement and operations, announces a partnership with Critical Infrastructure Defense Group (CIDGC, Corp.), a leader in industrial risk management and compliance services to provide training in fundamentals of SCADA.

Russel Treat, President of GCI said, “The partnership combines very timely educational content for gas controllers, SCADA managers and support personnel about the myriad of new standards and regulations affecting critical infrastructure. The CIDG partnership meets our client’s challenge of equipping their personnel at all levels to design, implement and manage a security architecture appropriate for the unique requirements of SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition), DCS (Distributed Control Systems), EMS (Energy Management Systems) and PCN (Process Control Network).”

During the class, students will study the complete lifecycle of a security threat including both basic and highly advanced techniques used by attackers. This advanced level of knowledge is a key component in a complete security architecture plan and these techniques are a distinguished skill set, which are critical to IT professionals.

Clint Bodungen, President of CIDG said, “Students will gain an understanding of vulnerabilities typically existing in SCADA / PCN environments and how to implement appropriate controls and safeguards. This class goes beyond industry best practices and is tailored specifically for forward looking plans for the SCADA/PCN environment.”

### **About Gas Certification Institute**

Gas Certification Institute (GCI) is a hands-on training facility for oil and gas personnel. GCI helps companies certify their employees, equipment and processes so they can meet the unique requirements of natural gas pipeline operations. For more information, visit [www.gascertification.com](http://www.gascertification.com).

### **About CIDG**

Critical Infrastructure Defense Group (CIDG, Corp.) is a Houston, TX based company specializing in risk management and compliance for industrial organizations. CIDG is a highly trained team of specialized experts with one job—to secure your critical infrastructure. For more information, visit [www.cidgcorp.com](http://www.cidgcorp.com).

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