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Associations Seek Administrator for DEG Project

BEDFORD, TEXAS, *Jan. 25, 2007* – Following the recent announcement of an initiative to analyze and enhance estimating systems, the Alliance of Automotive Service Providers (AASP), the Automotive Service Association (ASA) and the Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS) have announced they are seeking to retain the services of a full-time administrator for the Database Enhancement Gateway (DEG) project.

The DEG is a project developed by the three associations where, among other initiatives, a single industry Web site will be created for collision repairers to file database requests for review with the industry's three main information providers, as well as view all responses from the database providers themselves.

The DEG administrator will be a full-time paid position that requires thorough familiarity with all three estimating platforms. Interested applicants are encouraged to submit their resumes to deganalyst@gmail.com on or before the deadline of Feb. 9, 2007. A job description for the DEG administrator position is now available for viewing on the national Web sites of AASP (www.autoserviceproviders.com), ASA (www.asashop.org) and SCRS (www.scrs.com).

About AASP: The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers is a coalition of associations that serve the automotive service industry. In a spirit of mutual cooperation and support, Alliance participants are committed to sharing information, knowledge and other resources for the benefit of the members it serves. For more information visit www.autoserviceproviders.com.

About ASA: The Automotive Service Association is the largest not-for-profit trade association of its kind dedicated to and governed by independent automotive service and repair professionals. ASA serves an international membership base that includes numerous affiliate, state and chapter groups from both the mechanical and collision repair segments of the automotive service industry. ASA advances professionalism and excellence in the automotive repair industry through education, representation and member services. For additional information, go to www.ASAshop.org.

About SCRS: Through its direct members and 33 affiliate associations, SCRS is comprised of 6,000 collision repair businesses and 58,500 specialized professionals who work with consumers and insurance companies to repair collision-damaged vehicles. Additional information about SCRS is available at www.scrs.com. Or, e-mail SCRS at the following address: info@scrs.com.

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Database Enhancement Gateway Administrator

Vision-

The DEG program is a dedicated and centralized interface between the collision repair industry and the providers of collision repair databases, primarily used in the function of estimating and establishing the cost of collision repair. The DEG program is intended to act as an advocate for data accuracy and accountability while serving as a clearinghouse of related information for the collision repair industry. Our vision is that every collision estimating system correctly reflects all procedures required for every labor operation in the system along with their respective allowances in a manner that is consistent with industry accepted practices and is fair and equitable to all parties involved in the process, including the consumer.

Mission-

The DEG Administrator is to orchestrate communications between the collision repair industry and database providers, offer analysis, and reporting information. A convenient and user friendly web site will be established to allow the submission of Requests For Reviews (RFR's) of specific database operations. The administrator will oversee each submission with the goal of a responding answer from the appropriate database provider for each RFR. The administrator will report to the industry through an overseeing committee comprised of representatives from AASP, ASA, and SCRS. Reports will include analysis of database provider responses, frequency of database changes, database comparisons, trends, and other related information. The committee will assume the responsibility of overseeing the administrator's employment, duties, and performance. AASP, ASA, and SCRS will promote the website and process. It is our mission that it becomes the most well known and utilized source to question or obtain additional information on specific collision repair database operations and issues.

Duties required but not limited to-

- Thorough understanding of the use and operation of the major collision repair database systems, currently including CCC/Motor, Mitchell International, and Audatex, a Solera company.
- Overall understanding of I-CAR repair procedures. The administrator must have at least some I-CAR training and possess the ability to obtain specific repair procedure information.
- Overall understanding of OEM repair procedures and the ability to obtain specific repair procedure information.
- Manage the website interface.
- Promote the submission of RFR's through the website.
- Clarify any unclear data inquiries with the submitter prior to submission to the information provider.
- Generate and submit data inquiries found through detailed vehicle database audits.
- Consistently follow through on each RFR until each question is answered and until any corresponding data adjustment is reflected in the next most current database update.
- Scan database updates for unannounced changes.
- Request time studies and participate in time study analysis when possible.
- Basic understanding of insurance claim handling and estimating procedures in DRP and non-DRP scenarios.
- Act as a representative of the DEG program in all public forums.
- Foster relationships with repair facilities, OEM representatives, information providers, educational institutions, and any other relevant entity to the program's mission.
- Prepare reports and articles for potential publication. These shall be submitted to the oversight committee for approval before publication or submission to a public forum. The oversight committee may request the administrator present the information to the trade press, through a speaking engagement, or through articles for publication.
- The administrator must be self motivated and capable to manage their time accordingly. It is presumed that it will be a full time position. However, at least in the beginning, the job will be task oriented. The administrator's performance evaluation will be based on results rather than time spent.

-The administrator must operate in a dignified, diplomatic, and professional manner. Because many of the duties include interaction with potentially controversial issues, many of which have financial impact individuals or entities, appropriate concern must be demonstrated. Credibility and respect are key components for success.

-Managing any additional concerns, problems, or services.

-All additional duties as assigned.

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