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NEW IN-HOUSE COURSE FOR BUILDING CONTROL OFFICERS ON PART P BUILDING REGULATIONS

Following a request from local Building Control officers, the Electrical Contractors' Association (ECA) has developed an in-house course to support local authorities in their response to the introduction of the new Part P of the Building Regulations, which became law on 1st January 2005.

The new regulations require all domestic electrical installation work carried out in England and Wales, with minor exceptions, to be notified to a Building Control body before work starts, unless the work is to be carried out by an individual or company registered with one of the government approved Competent Person schemes to self-certify that their work complies with Building Regulations requirements.

The new two-day course is designed to provide Building Control officers with a clear understanding of how domestic electrical installation work should be carried out to meet the new regulations. In particular, it covers the basic requirements for meeting safety standards. The course includes guidance on how to interpret typical electrical installation design, testing and inspecting documentation and gives an overview of the process of Competent Person registration and self-certification.

Announcing the new course David Thomas, ECA Education and Training Manager, said: "This course has been developed by ECA to meet the Part P training needs of Building Control officers. As an in-house course, it offers flexibility to suit the times and locations convenient for the Building Control officers. We are delighted that there has been such a strong demand for the course, which underlines its significance".

For further details contact ECA Education and Training on tel: 020 7313 4800 or email: eandt@eca.co.uk

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Note to Editors:

The ECA represents the interests of 2,200 member companies involved in electrical installation work. Collectively, the member companies have an annual turnover of more than £4.5 billion, employ over 30,000 operatives and support 8,000 apprentices in craft training. The role of the ECA is to provide a focus for the electrical industry in terms of safety, training, qualification, technological development and industry performance.

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