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PRESS RELEASE

INSTITUT SURVAL MONT-FLEURI IS AWARDED NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

San Francisco, California – The Commission Executive Committee of the Council on Occupational Education (COE) has granted accreditation to SURVAL Mont-Fleuri. Announcement of the action was made by Ms Jody Hawk, Commission Chair, following the Commission's Executive Committee meeting held in San Francisco, CA on June 11-12, 2009.

The award of accreditation status is based on an evaluation to demonstrate that the institution meets not only the standards of quality of the Commission, but also the needs of students, the community, and employers.

The Commission's evaluation process includes an extensive self-study by the institution and an intensive review by a visiting team of professional educators representing the Commission's member institutions from other states.

Institution SURVAL Mont-Fleuri began its self-study in November 2008 and underwent a team visit in May 2009. The visiting team chairperson was Dr. Alex Witting.

The Council on Occupational Education, based on Atlanta, Georgia, offers quality assurance services to postsecondary technical providers across the nation. Organized as a non-profit corporation, the mission of the Council is to assure the quality and integrity in career and technical development. Services offered include institutional accreditation (recognized by the U.S. Department of Education), program quality reviews for states and technical education providers, and informational services. Most of the Council's work is carried out by qualified professional volunteers who are experts in technical education.

Institutional membership in the Council is voluntary, but can be achieved only by becoming accredited. The Council's current membership makes it unique. Members include postsecondary public technical institutes, specialized military and national defence schools, Job Corps Centres, private career schools, non-profit technical education providers, corporate and industry education units, and federal agency institutions. No other agency accredits and serves the diversity of organizations served by the Council. There are over 400 institutional members at the present time.

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