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## **CCAR's S/P2 to be Featured at National Automotive Technology Competition**

**CCAR's "S/P2" online training in Safety and Pollution Prevention will be a prominent part of the 2006 National Automotive Technology Competition. The event, in which two-person teams of high school automotive students from across the country compete for scholarships and prizes, is held in conjunction with the New York International Auto Show each year.**

OVERLAND PARK, KAN. – Automotive students from across the U.S. will utilize CCAR's **S/P2** training in Safety and Pollution Prevention in one of the industry's most prestigious competitions: the 2006 National Automotive Technology Competition.

**The National Automotive Technology Competition** was developed in 1990 by the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association to help curb the shortage of qualified automotive technicians and raise the level of vocational education standards in the public school system. The national finals, in which the best high school automotive education students from across the country compete, will take place April 18-19 at the

New York International Auto Show. More than \$3 million in prizes and scholarships will be awarded to participating students and schools.

"We're delighted that CCAR has chosen to be a part of the 2006 Competition," said Mark Schienberg, GNYADA President. "CCAR's participation reflects the importance of the contest and the need to encourage environmental best practice in young people entering the industry."

Students taking part in the 2006 National Automotive Technology Competition will have completed the **S/P2** course prior to the national finals. As part of the first day of the competition, the students will be required to demonstrate their understanding of basic shop safety and environmental considerations.

"CCAR is proud to be affiliated with the National Automotive Technology Competition," said Guy Bargnes, CCAR Chairman. "It is helping shape the automotive technicians of the future, and the incorporation of **S/P2** into the competition is an important opportunity to establish a greater awareness of safety and environmental concerns with the students taking part." Bargnes is Director of Marketing, BASF Corporation, NAFTA Region/Automotive Refinish.

**S/P2** was developed by CCAR for the automotive repair industry in accordance with U.S. EPA and OSHA standards, which mandate that shop personnel and students be trained at least annually on safety and environmental issues. CCAR offers **S/P2** free of charge to automotive training programs, and it is now being used in more than 2,400 schools across the country. For businesses, **S/P2** is available for a \$299 annual subscription per facility for unlimited training.

CCAR, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, also operates "CCAR-GreenLink<sup>®</sup>," the National Environmental Compliance Assistance Center for Automotive Repair, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [EPA].

For complete information, visit the **S/P2** web site at [www.sp2.org](http://www.sp2.org) website or call toll-free at 1-888-772-3535.

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From left, Rod Enlow, CCAR Director of Industry Relations; Vince Luppino, Technical Training Supervisor, Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.; and Dee Riegler Torres, CCAR Industry Representative, at the 2005 National Automotive Technology Competition.