

Universal Technical Institute, CheckMark Vehicle Safety Services Announce Partnership

PHOENIX, March 11, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Universal Technical Institute, Inc. (UTI), the leading provider of post-secondary education for students seeking careers as professional automotive, diesel, collision repair, motorcycle and marine technicians, and CheckMark Vehicle Safety Services, a Virginia-based company specializing in commercial vehicle safety and security solutions, have announced plans to provide technical training for 300 potential CheckMark inspectors at UTI campuses across the United States.

"CheckMark's Periodic Inspection Program (PIP) delivers a much-needed comprehensive and uniform inspection program to the commercial transportation industry throughout North America," said Greg Dickson, vice president of customer solutions and advanced training for UTI. "UTI is pleased to partner with CheckMark to help in developing a core group of qualified inspectors for the advancement of highway safety."

In addition to the Periodic Inspection Program (PIP), which is designed to help its customers lower business costs, increase vehicle availability, and improve safety performance, CheckMark provides extensive consulting services focused on the new Compliance Safety Accountability (CSA) regulatory initiative from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, as well as extensive education and training services.

"With its stellar reputation as a recognized industry leader in developing focused technical training programs, Universal Technical Institute was a natural choice when it came time for CheckMark to select a partner," said Dennis Paul, president of CheckMark.

UTI will also assist in developing the curriculum for CheckMark inspectors, which will cover brake systems and heavy duty truck basics.

About Universal Technical Institute, Inc.:

Headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, Universal Technical Institute, Inc. (NYSE: UTI) is the leading provider of post-secondary education for students seeking careers as professional automotive, diesel, collision repair, motorcycle and marine technicians. With more than 140,000 graduates in its 45-year history, UTI offers undergraduate degree, diploma and certificate programs at 11 campuses across the United States, as well as manufacturer-specific training programs at dedicated training centers. Through its campus-based school system, UTI provides specialized post-secondary education programs under the banner of several well-known brands, including Universal Technical Institute (UTI), Motorcycle Mechanics Institute and Marine Mechanics Institute (MMI) and NASCAR Technical Institute (NTI). To learn more about UTI and its training services, log on to www.uti.edu.

About CheckMark Vehicle Safety Services:

CheckMark Vehicle Safety Services, formed in the spring of 2008 by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), is dedicated to enhancing highway safety by providing a comprehensive suite of commercial vehicle safety and security solutions. More information about CheckMark may be obtained from their website at <http://www.checkmarkpip.com>.

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