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Universal Distributor's certification offers significant federal contract advantages...

COMPONENTS INTERNATIONAL RECEIVES HUBZONE CERTIFICATION

NEW YORK – November 29, 2004 – Components International, the electronics industry's first Universal Distributor, recently received certification under the HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program. The Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) Empowerment Contracting Program stimulates economic development and creates jobs in urban and rural communities by providing Federal contracting preferences to small businesses located in designated HUBZone areas.

“Our HUBZone certification can be incredibly significant for Federal customers,” said Stan Schiller, COO of Components International. “Reliably and affordably, we integrate an immense global supply chain of electronic components. Because our headquarters are in a historically underutilized neighborhood, the cost savings and convenience of our services are even more significant for partners that enjoy contractual advantages by choosing HUBZone suppliers, as well as those that must meet supplier quotas.”

Businesses certified as qualified HUBZone small business concerns (SBCs) must have a principal office located within a HUBZone, and a minimum of 35 percent of employees must reside in a HUBZone. Components International was certified under these guidelines due to the location of its Brooklyn, N.Y., headquarters and staff residences. HUBZone SBCs are re-certified annually to ensure compliance with continuing program eligibility requirements.

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Components International is now eligible to receive HUBZone contracting opportunities, and is included in the listing of qualified HUBZone small business concerns found on the internet at www.sba.gov/hubzone.

About Components International

Components International is the electronics industry's first Universal Distributor, combining the comprehensive customer support and engineering services of franchised distributors with the broad range of stocked products and low prices offered by independent distributors. ISO 9001:2000, SDB, 8(a), HUBZone and MBDA certified, Components International serves a growing number of global OEMs, CEMs and distributors in both commercial and federal contracting markets worldwide. Founded in 2001 and headquartered in Brooklyn, N.Y., Components International conducts business through offices and partnerships around the world, including Florida, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, Canada, Mexico, Austria, Israel, China, Singapore and Russia.

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