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NASSCO's PACP Hailed as Industry Standard in Quebec Province *New Mandatory Guideline Helps Position PACP as Standard for North America*

BALTIMORE, MD – June 19, 2008 – NASSCO, a non-profit organization dedicated to setting the standards for the rehabilitation of underground utilities, has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Center for Expertise and Research on Infrastructures in Urban Areas (CERIU) to make NASSCO's Pipeline Assessment and Certification Program (PACP) the new industry standard in Quebec Province, Canada.

NASSCO's PACP is a system that provides standardization and consistency in the way sewer pipes are evaluated, coded and managed. Recognized as the industry standard in North America since 2001, PACP creates a comprehensive and reliable reservoir of data to describe the sewer pipe that can be used in prioritization, planning, and renovation of the wastewater collection system.

"Our vision of creating a standard not just for the U.S., but for North America is becoming more and more of a reality," said Irvin Gemora, executive director of NASSCO. "We've proven that PACP works and our success is getting noticed. We're thrilled to work with CERIU to help make PACP the standard throughout the Quebec Province. Hopefully, this agreement will demonstrate the value of using a single standard for defect coding and eventually to PACP becoming the defect coding standard for Canada."

A survey conducted in 2006 by CERIU found discrepancies in the way sewer systems were evaluated and inspected. A lack of consistency led some to classify a defect in a pipe as a crack while others labeled it a fracture, making it difficult for professionals to establish a protocol for successful assessment and rehabilitation. As a result, CERIU established a committee composed of city representatives and closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspection professionals to discuss the issue. Together, the group adopted the NASSCO protocols for mains, laterals and manholes.

"By implementing NASSCO's proven standard protocol, Quebec professionals will be able to create, exchange and integrate their reports on common rules and codification objectives, enabling more effective rehabilitations," said Isabel Tardif, Technologies Director, CERIU. "This will enable our city managers to excel in asset management and improve our entire infrastructure renewal process."

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In addition to standardizing the evaluation of sewer pipes and standardizing TV inspection codes, NASSCO's PACP also includes user certification, tools for data integration and mapping. NASSCO offers PACP training throughout the year across the United States. To see a complete schedule of PACP and other training and education courses available from NASSCO, visit www.nassco.org or call Andrea Carter at (410) 486-3500.

About NASSCO

NASSCO is dedicated to setting the industry standards for the rehabilitation of underground utilities through training, education and networking opportunities for the trenchless technology industry. Established more than thirty years ago as a not-for-profit trade association, NASSCO (National Association of Sewer Service Companies) represents contractors, manufacturers, suppliers, engineers and municipal workers. To learn more about NASSCO, visit www.nassco.org or call (410) 486-3500.

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