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73 New CIIPs Added in March…
Recent ABII Exam Raises Number of Certified Imaging Informatics Professionals to 685

(April 28, 2011) — Growing importance of imaging informatics has generated increasing demand for certification of the radiologic technology and IT professionals working in the field, and the American Board of Imaging Informatics (ABII) has been responding to the need.

With nine administrations of the ABII exam since its June 2007 debut, 685 individuals have earned the CIIP (Certified Imaging Informatics Professional) designation. Seventy-three CIIPs joined the ranks following the most recent exam administration on March 25, 2011.

The next administration is scheduled for September 23, 2011, with applications due by July 20.

The ABII exam assesses candidates in several key areas of knowledge, with image management and information technology comprising about one-third of the 150 items. Remaining questions focus on operations, communications, systems management, clinical engineering, medical informatics, procurement, project management, and training and education.

"Certification is a mark of excellence," notes ABII Board Chair Paul G. Nagy, Ph.D., CIIP, "and demonstrates that the individual has the knowledge to assure the quality of products and services." Other ABII Board members are Vice Chair Edward I. Bluth, M.D., FACR; Secretary J. Anthony Seibert, Ph.D., CIIP, FSIIM; Treasurer Charles M. Washington, MBA, R.T.(T)(ARRT), FASRT; and Board members Richard L. Morin, Ph.D., FACR, CIIP, FSIIM; Gloria Fabrey, MBA, CPA, CCP; and Chuck Socia, R.T.(R)(CT)(QM)(ARRT), CIIP.

A directory of CIIPs is available at www.abii.org.

Eligibility to take the examination to gain certification as a CIIP is based on a point system that encompasses the categories of experience, formal education, and credentials/continuing education (CE). Candidates must have at least seven total points and meet all minimum criteria, as outlined in the Experience/Education section of www.abii.org. Employers who are responsible for hiring PACS administrators, and individuals who work in imaging informatics and are interested in the ABII credential, should visit www.abii.org for more information.

About ABII…
The American Board of Imaging Informatics was founded in 2007 by the Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine (SIIM) and the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). An independent, non-profit organization, ABII's mission is to enhance patient care, professionalism, and competence in imaging informatics. ABII created and manages the Imaging Informatics Professional (IIP) certification program and awards the Certified Imaging Informatics Professional (CIIP) designation to qualified candidates.