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### **SUBJECT: Lightning Protection Institute – Inspection Program implementation**

The Lightning Protection Institute has completed the process establishing a subsidiary corporation, Lightning Protection Institute – Inspection Program (LPI-IP), to handle project certification beginning April 1, 2011. Tim Harger has been in place for several months as Program Manager operating from his offices in Libertyville, IL. He is joined by Greg Jaroch, EE, assigned to review each project design for completeness according to the requirements of the lightning protection Standards LPI, NFPA, and/or UL as specified. Projects are currently being handled in the new format, field inspectors are in training, and LPI System Certifications are now being issued.

This new entity replaces the previous LPI System Certification process, which included a field inspection by a UL representative. LPI System Certification is only available through the new LPI – IP program format, including forms, pictures, and field inspection by trained LPI – IP personnel. Specifiers should review and correct existing specifications to reflect this change in programming. Project specifications should read:

***Inspection & Certification** – Upon completion of the installation, a third party inspection of the project shall be delivered to the owner. The LPI-IP Master Certificate ~~or~~ UL Master Label will be accepted.*

This will alleviate a duplicate field inspection for the same purpose, and eliminate a duplicate inspection fee being charged for the same work.

The LPI-IP program is designed to meet the needs of owners, architects, engineers, and consumers for improved quality of inspection to provide additional security for people and property against the lightning hazard. To review LPI-IP requirements, log onto the website: [www.lpi-ip.com](http://www.lpi-ip.com)

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