### International Personnel Certification Summit

The 21st Century Solution to Workforce Competitiveness



# Globalizing Your Certification Program: Challenges and Opportunities

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## **Trends Impacting Global Certification**

#### Increased government interest and support

- Post 9-11 concerns
- >WTO: Trade in products to trade in services
- >EU/NAFTA:Expansion to additional countries/personnel standards being negotiated

### Industry: National to global businesses

- >Outsourcing
- >Multi-national operations

#### Emphasis on consumer protection/ethics enforcement



### **Trends Impacting Global Certification**

- Increased Capacity:
- > E-learning
- Electronic record keeping
- Computer delivered exams
- > Improved communication system
- Increased portability of personnel: increased demand from certificate holders
- Increasing market for /power of credential





### Models for Globalizing a Certification Program

- Uniform International Standards
- Exporting certification : multi -national exam sites
- Deference
- Licensing Agreements
- Mutual Recognition Agreements
- Reciprocal Agreements





### Making Model/Country Decisions:

## Globalization rating scale

- > Educational systems/requirements
- > Occupational status and scope of work responsibilities: job analysis
- > Laws/regulatory mechanisms
- > Language /cultural issues
- Fiscal considerations
- > Security issues
- > Mutual interest in working together

