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**IPS SENIOR EXECUTIVE EARNS CPIP<sup>SM</sup> INDUSTRY CREDENTIAL**

**Lafayette Hill, PA, September 10, 2007** – Integrated Project Services (IPS), a leading, full-service engineering, procurement, construction management, and validation company dedicated to assisting pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies improve operations worldwide, today announced that Andrew A. Signore, P.E. is one of the first professionals to be awarded the Certified Pharmaceutical Industry Professional (CPIP<sup>SM</sup>) credential by the International Society for Pharmaceutical Engineering Professional Certification Commission (ISPE-PCC). The new credential is the first competency-based international certification for pharmaceutical professionals and covers a range of competencies from drug product development through manufacturing.

“I am proud to receive the CPIP credential,” said Andrew A. Signore, PE, PMP–DBIA, CPIP, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, IPS. “Certification holders have demonstrated their knowledge and experience in key competencies that achieve cost-effective, risk-based approaches, innovation, quality by design, and continuous improvement. The CPIP credential is a strong indication of achieving industry competency, technical knowledge, professionalism and dedication to influencing greater drug product quality for industry peers, clients, and consumers worldwide.”

“The ISPE-PCC is serious about raising the bar on product quality and manufacturing efficiency by being the premier provider of credentials for this industry,” stated Russ Somma, Ph.D., Chair of the Professional Certification Commission. “ISPE-PCC criteria for attaining the CPIP are among the most rigorous in the industry. Our vision for the CPIP credential holder is that of a change agent for industry and their respective organization.”

With more than thirty years of industry experience, Mr. Signore has held senior engineering positions at several major pharmaceutical companies. He has conceived, designed, managed, and constructed a variety of manufacturing and support facilities. He earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Manhattan College and a Masters of Business Administration from Pace University. He is a registered professional engineer in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, New Jersey, Delaware, and North Carolina.

Mr. Signore holds distinction from many industry associations and affiliations. He was inaugural president of Design Build Institute of America’s Delaware Valley Chapter and is a charter holder of a DBIA designation, and is past president of the New Jersey Chapter of Project Management Institute (PMI). In addition, he is past chairman of ISPE, past president of the ISPE Delaware Valley Chapter, and received ISPE’s Distinguished Achievement Award for his many professional contributions to the Society. As an industry leader, Mr. Signore frequently lectures, publishes, and consults in areas of strategic planning, project management, and GMP compliance.

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### **About IPS**

Integrated Project Services (IPS), [www.ipsdb.com](http://www.ipsdb.com), is a full-service, engineering firm servicing the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries as well as medical device, diagnostics and specialty chemical. IPS services include technical consulting, engineering and design, design/build, construction management, commissioning, and compliance. Located in Lafayette Hill, Pa., IPS has full service branch offices in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, New Jersey, California, Indiana, Puerto Rico, and India.

### **About the ISPE-PCC**

The ISPE Professional Certification Commission (PCC), an autonomous governing body within ISPE, develops certification programs to benefit credential holders and their employers, as well as government, academia, and the public health product consumer. The PCC is composed of 12 Commissioners: senior-level industry professionals representing Argentina, Australia, Japan, North America, and the United Kingdom, as well as academia, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the general public. Visit [www.ispe-pcc.org](http://www.ispe-pcc.org) for additional certification information.

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