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**TEXAS GOVERNOR RICK PERRY WELCOMES
THE MECHANICAL SERVICE CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA
APPLAUDS GREENSTAR, 5 STAR CAREERS**

SAN ANTONIO October 12, 2008 – Texas Governor Rick Perry applauded the Mechanical Service Contractors of America this evening, saying he appreciates their part in improving the quality of life in his state in a video-recorded message that welcomed MSCA's 23rd Annual Educational Conference to San Antonio.

“Because of you, our buildings operate efficiently,” Gov. Perry said. “Our indoor air quality is safe and healthy, and building tenants are comfortable and more productive.”

Gov. Perry noted MSCA's green initiatives, including GreenStar, a program created to recognize mechanical service contractors who have developed the skills and expertise necessary to deliver energy-efficient, cost-effective indoor environmental solutions to their customers. MSCA has been recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) for its leadership and stewardship of sustainability practices in the HVACR industry. “Congratulations to several of your members who are about to be recognized as the first GreenStars in the nation,” he said.

Gov. Perry noted that MSCA has been a leader in awareness and advocacy for the environment. “I'm a big believer in protecting the environment,” he said. “So I was pleased to learn just how active MSCA has been on the environmental front.”

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“Your efforts to conserve energy and equip your people to be more environmentally responsible, are both setting a great example for your industry,” he said.

Gov. Perry also recognized 5 Star Careers, a unique program to link up potential employees with contractors seeking them, created by MSCA with the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada (UA).

“Your 5 Star Careers program is a shining example of what hardworking and motivated individuals can attain if given the opportunity,” he said.

The centerpiece of the 5 Star Careers program is a database-enabled website that MSCA and UA local members have password-protected access to. Entry level technicians, counselors, experienced technicians and educators go to the site to gain information to help candidates smoothly transition into a career in heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration. Then prospective job candidates can post private information about their qualifications on the site, for routing to potential employers. For more information, go to [HTTP://www.5starcareers.com](http://www.5starcareers.com).

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MSCA is the leading national trade association for HVACR contractors, providing education, marketing and labor/management services to assure its members deliver quality performance, value and expertise for all building system needs. MSCA contractors perform service, maintenance, replacement, retrofit and repair work resulting in enhanced reliability, tenant satisfaction, and efficiency. MSCA's contractor qualification program, MSCA STAR, recognizes contractors that have met the highest standards of excellence in the industry and employ highly-skilled UA STAR certified technicians. MSCA has more than 1,200 members and is a subsidiary of the Mechanical Contractors Association of America. For further information go to www.msca.org.