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### **Lauren Nilssen Earns Certified Association Executive Credential**

**Washington, DC** – The Institute of Makers of Explosives (IME) announces that Lauren Nilssen, Manager of Meetings and Communications, Institute of Makers of Explosives, has earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation. The CAE is the highest professional credential in the association industry.

To be designated as a Certified Association Executive, an applicant must have a minimum of three years' experience with nonprofit organization management, complete a minimum of 100 hours of specialized professional development, pass a stringent examination in association management, and pledge to uphold a code of ethics. To maintain the certification, individuals must undertake ongoing professional development and activities in association and nonprofit management. The CAE Program is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCAA).

In addition to the CAE, Ms. Nilssen has an executive certification in meetings management (CMM), of which only 50 certificates are handed out worldwide each year. She also earned her certificate in meeting planning (CMP) in 2006.

The mission of IME is to promote safety and security and the protection of employees, users, the public and the environment and encourage the adoption of uniform rules and regulations in the manufacture, transportation, storage, handling, use and disposal of explosive materials. IME is proud of the accomplishments of its professional staff in order to advance the work of the Institute and its member companies. More information about IME and its safety and security standards can be found at [www.IME.org](http://www.IME.org).

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