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Local Automated Gate Installer Earns National Certification

Timothy Kearns, an automated gate installer with, **Pro Max Fence Systems, Reading, PA**, has been designated as a Certified Automated Gate Operator Installer Technician by the Institute of Door Dealer Education and Accreditation (IDEA).

The Certification is effective as of **April 1, 2019**.

IDEA Gate Operator Installer Certification is available to individuals who can document training and demonstrate a high degree of knowledge and expertise in the installation and service automated gate operators. In addition to documenting field experience, candidates must pass a comprehensive written examination covering all aspects of gate operator installation, including electrical basics, gate and operator safety standards, proper installation of loops and safety.

The program was created by a coalition of industry organizations in 2008 to promote public safety, product quality, and facility security. The program authors included subject matter experts from the American Fence Association, the National Ornamental and Miscellaneous Metals Association, the Door and Access Systems Manufacturers Association and the International Door Association.

IDEA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization created in 1995 to serve the public by promoting safety and high professional standards in the door and access systems industry. IDEA Accreditation is endorsed by the Door and Access Systems Manufacturers Association (DASMA) and the International Door Association (IDA).

The educational institute also administers professional certification programs for Residential Garage Door Installation, Commercial Sectional Door Systems Technicians, Commercial Rolling Door Systems Technicians, and Rolling Steel Fire Door Technicians.