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### **100 Lift Inspectors Across U.S. and Canada Now Certified by ALI**

**Cortland, NY (Feb. 10, 2014)** – The Automotive Lift Institute (ALI) has certified the 100<sup>th</sup> lift inspector through the ALI [Lift Inspector Certification Program](#), making it easier than ever for lift owners to find qualified individuals to perform mandated annual lift inspections.

Nicholas Lewandowski of Allied, Inc. in Ann Arbor, Mich., is the 100<sup>th</sup> lift inspector to complete the program. More than 650 additional candidates, representing 417 companies across the United States and Canada, are enrolled in the program and working toward certification. Enrollment grew significantly in the final week of 2013, when 45 new companies signed up.

“2013 was the first full year of the Lift Inspector Certification Program and we made great progress,” says R.W. “Bob” O’Gorman, ALI president. “We set out to build a resource for lift users, and there is now a stable of 100 Certified Lift Inspectors ready to provide service whenever and wherever inspections are needed. I’m happy to welcome Nicholas to the Certified Inspector family and look forward to hitting many more milestones as the current candidates work their way through the program.”

Annual lift inspections help protect service technicians by ensuring that the lifts they work under are installed correctly, functioning properly and adequately maintained. The inspections are required to be conducted on an annual basis by ANSI/ALI ALOIM:2008, the national standard covering vehicle lift operation, inspection and maintenance. Before the ALI Lift Inspector Certification Program was created, there was no national independent vehicle lift inspection licensing or certification program. Lift users were on their own to find inspectors and evaluate their qualifications. According to O’Gorman, as North American health and safety officials increased their focus on vehicle service providers, the need for a unified, third-party pool of inspectors became apparent.

The ALI Lift Inspector Certification Program was launched in late 2012. Lift inspectors certified by ALI have been tested to prove they are competent to thoroughly inspect vehicle lifts in accordance with the ANSI standard governing vehicle lift

inspection and in support of OSHA's General Duty Clause, as well as provincial requirements in Canada.

Every participant who completes the certification program is entered into ALI's searchable online database, making it easy for lift users to find inspectors. To locate an inspector in your region, visit [www.autolift.org/inspectors.php](http://www.autolift.org/inspectors.php), enter a U.S. ZIP or Canadian postal code and select a geographical radius. Each entry includes the inspector's individual certification number, company, contact information and photo.

For more information about the ALI Lift Inspector Certification Program, visit [www.autolift.org/certified-inspectors.php](http://www.autolift.org/certified-inspectors.php). To learn more about ALI, visit [www.autolift.org](http://www.autolift.org) or call (607) 756-7775. You can also connect with ALI on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LiftInstitute](http://www.facebook.com/LiftInstitute), on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/LiftInstitute](http://www.twitter.com/LiftInstitute), and on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/LiftInstitute](http://www.youtube.com/LiftInstitute).

## About ALI

Founded in 1945, the Automotive Lift Institute (ALI) is a trade association of North American-based lift manufacturers. ALI's mission is to promote the safe design, construction, installation, service, inspection and use of automotive lifts. In 1947, ALI developed the first Commercial Standard covering vehicle lifts published by the National Bureau of Standards. Today, ALI sponsors several national lift safety standards and offers third-party certification programs for automotive lifts and automotive lift inspectors.

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**Editor's Note:** Please see attached photo.

**Caption:** Nicholas Lewandowski of Allied, Inc. in Ann Arbor, Mich., became the 100th person to complete the Automotive Lift Institute (ALI) Lift Inspector Certification Program since its launch in late 2012. Lift users can find a directory of all Certified Lift Inspectors online at [www.autolift.org/inspectors.php](http://www.autolift.org/inspectors.php).

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