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### **Women's Professional Development Track Expanded for NACE 2008**

*Bedford, Texas, Oct. 13, 2008* — AMI is pleased to announce that the Women's Professional Development Track has been expanded for 2008. This year's track will offer six AMI-approved sessions to further develop the skills and careers of women who are directly or indirectly involved in the collision repair and automotive service industries. NACE will be held Nov. 5-8, at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas.

The courses are reviewed and approved by the Automotive Management Institute (AMI) and will earn credits toward the Institute's Accredited Automotive Manager (AAM) designation. The following courses are scheduled: "Thriving Under Pressure," will focus on understanding emotional patterns and methods for mastering emotions; "Conflict Management Skills for Women," will reveal the steps that result in "win-win" conflict resolution; "Developing Teamwork," will focus on developing effective collaborative skills to accomplish shared goals; "A Brand-New You ... Assertiveness Skills that Lead to Success," is designed to develop women into strong, gutsy decision-makers and risk-takers; "Developing & Maintaining a Positive Attitude," a session that will focus on techniques to maintain a positive attitude and the benefits that come along with living with a positive attitude; and "Developing Delegation Skills," a session that will cover the steps to delegation and how to monitor delegated tasks.

"The Women's Professional Development Track has been designed to provide education and training for women who are directly involved in the business as owners, managers, partners and service advisors, as well as women who have their own careers and interests outside of the business," said AMI Executive Director Toni Slaton, AAM. "As a woman in the industry, it's very exciting to once again offer this relevant program that will help women further develop the business skills necessary to be even more successful," said Slaton.

Like all AMI-approved courses, both men and women are invited to participate. For more information, contact AMI, (800) 272-7467, ext. 241, or visit the Schedule-At-A-Glance portion of the NACE Web site, [www.NACEExpo.com](http://www.NACEExpo.com). Registration for the Women's Professional Development Track is available on the NACE Web site.

To date, AMI programs have attracted more than 168,000 enrollments throughout North America. AMI is a not-for-profit educational foundation to which tax deductible contributions can be made. For more information about the Institute, its curriculum, or EXCEL, please contact AMI at (800) 272-7467, ext 239, or visit the AMI Web site at [www.amionline.org](http://www.amionline.org).

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