SEI Elects Officers and Directors

McLean, VA . . . . February 7, 2003. The Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) is pleased to announce the results of its recent election of Officers and Directors for 2003.

The SEI Board of Directors has elected the following officers: Steven T. Edwards as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer; Douglas A. Fisher as Vice Chairman of the Board, and Patricia A. Gleason as President. All were elected to one year terms.

Mr. Edwards is Director of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, University of Maryland in College Park, MD. Mr. Fisher is Director, Research & Technical Services, IBEW Construction Department in Washington, DC, and Patricia A. Gleason serves as Chief Operating Officer of SEI.

The following Directors were elected to serve one-year terms:

Kevin Berg, Principal Vice President, Bechtel Corporation
Jim E. Lapping, Vice President Safety, Health & Environment, Power Maintenance and Constructors, LLC
George P. Kappler, Jr., President, Kappler Safety Group
Bobby J. Sasser, Loss Control Representative, Landin, Inc.
Lawrence M. Zippin, Consultant

The SEI certification programs encompass annual product testing of all certified safety and protective equipment product models and quality assurance audits are conducted annually at the manufacturers facility. SEI certifies hard hats safety eyewear,
emergency eyewash and safety showers, bump caps; fall protection equipment; fire service SCBA, fire fighters' helmets, boots and gloves for wildland, USAR, proximity and structural fire fighting; gas detector tube units; hazardous materials protective ensembles; protective clothing for emergency medical operations; personal alert safety systems (PASS) for fire fighters; fire service life safety rope, equestrian helmets and vests and bicycle helmets.

Information about SEI's certification program and the most current version of the SEI Certified Product List, can be accessed on SEI's web site, www.SEInet.org, by anyone, anywhere in the world at any time of the day. The SEI home page includes the SEI Certified Product List which provides certified product model names and numbers, manufacturer's names, and contact information.

A copy of the SEI Certified Product List may also be obtained free of charge by writing to SEI, 1307 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, VA 22101. Requests may also be sent by fax: 703/442-5756 or by e-mail at: info@SEInet.org.