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SALARIES RISE FOR TECHNICAL WRITERS & EDITORS

Dallas, Texas - November 4, 2003 -- The Society for Technical Communication recently released the results of its 2003 Technical Communicator Salary Survey, which compiles information about salaries and benefits for technical writers and editors in the U.S. and Canada.

According to the survey, the mean (average) salary for technical writers and editors in the U.S. rose from \$59,700 in 2002 to \$61,730 in 2003--a gain of 3.4 percent. Salaries for Canadian technical writers and editors grew from \$56,870 in 2002 to \$58,190 in 2003 for a gain of 2.3 percent.

In addition to means and medians for the entire U.S., the 2003 Technical Communicator Salary Survey breaks down salary information by levels of experience, levels of education, gender, and zip code. Some of the areas where technical writers and editors make the most money have zip codes beginning with 01 (north and west of Boston), 20 (Washington, DC, and the surrounding area), 77 (southeast Texas), and 94/95 (San Francisco, Silicon Valley, and the surrounding area). The survey results are also broken down according to employment level, gender, age, and years of experience in the technical communication field.

If you're interested in receiving a copy of the survey results, or in interviewing a leader in the technical communication industry, please contact Maurice Martin at (703) 522-4114, ext. 208 or maurice@stc.org.

About STC and the Lone Star Chapter

The Society for Technical Communication (STC) is the world's largest professional organization dedicated to advancing the arts and sciences of technical communication. Its 25,000 members include technical writers, editors, graphic designers, videographers, multimedia artists, web and Intranet page information designers, and translators. They make technical information understandable and available to those who need it.

The Lone Star Chapter (LSC), one of the largest STC chapters in the U.S., received the Distinguished Chapter of the Year award for 2002-2003. Drawing more than 500 members from all over the Dallas-Fort Worth, the LSC promotes professional growth through meetings, workshops, seminars, conferences, mentoring, and networking.

For more information about the STC Lone Star Chapter, visit their website at www.stc-dfw.org.

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