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FHWA Formally Accepts NACLA CMET Recognition

Washington, DC - - Friday, October 7, 2011 - - The US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration has formally accepted the Construction Materials (CMET) Recognition awarded by the National Cooperation for Laboratory Accreditation (NACLA) to Laboratory Accreditation Bureau (L-A-B), Fort Wayne, Indiana. NACLA's CMET recognition was found to satisfy the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regulation titled "Quality Assurance Procedures for Construction" 23 CFR 637 paragraphs 637.209 (a) (2), (3), and (4).

The subject line of the Memorandum issued on Friday, October 7, 2011 was: "**INFORMATION:** Approval of Comparable Accreditation Body - 23 CFR 637. In the memorandum, the summary stated that "... L-A-B meets the requirements for comparable laboratory accreditation bodies listed in the September 22, 2004, Federal Register Notice. As such, the laboratories that are accredited by L-A-B for Construction Materials Testing are considered to meet the quality assurance requirements in 23 CFR 637.209(a) (2), (3), and (4)."

NACLA is in the process of a second CMET recognition procedure and the announcement of a second recognized accreditation body could occur prior to the end of the current calendar year or early 2012.

NACLA is uniquely positioned to provide this national need and today's recognition is the first step in moving in this direction nationally. NACLA is a not-for-profit organization, incorporated in the District of Columbia in 1998. NACLA's Quality Policy affirms their commitment to "...operate a comprehensive national accreditation body recognition system that

meets the requirements of internationally accepted standards and practices and the sector specific requirements of US Specifiers and Regulators.”

NACLA works with industry specifiers and government/regulatory agencies in the United States to coordinate the development of sector specific technical requirements beyond those included in international guidelines used for accreditation body (AB) recognition and laboratory accreditation.

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