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NACLA Renews L-A-B Adds Two New Sector Specific Specialties

Washington, DC - - May 12, 2011 - - “We are pleased to announce the decision of the NACLA Recognition Council to renew Laboratory Accreditation Bureau (L-A-B)'s current scope of recognition,” stated Arman Hovakemian, current NACLA president. He continued “NACLA is further pleased to Recognize L-A-B's Construction Materials Testing (CMT) program and ANSI / NCSL Z540.3 sub-clause 5.3 (Z540.3) program as sector specific programs. These latest sector specific program additions to L-A-B's scope of Recognition are a proof for the need of such programs at the national level for the US industry and government agencies.”

According to Douglas Leonard, President and COO of L-A-B, “The use of independent third party accreditation is growing in the United States due in large part to the efforts of NACLA stakeholders: labs, specifiers/regulators, and accreditation bodies. The NACLA recognition process has proven to be a great asset to L-A-B.”

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. 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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