

**Testimony of Brian J. Hancock**  
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**EAC Staff Recommendation on Laboratory Accreditations**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Help America Vote Act, on September 14, 2007, EAC received a recommendation from the Acting Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to accredit Wyle Laboratories, Inc., of Huntsville, Alabama, under the EAC's Voting System Certification and Laboratory Accreditation Program. Wyle was recommended under a scope of accreditation that would allow them to test voting systems to both the 2002 Voting Systems Standards and the 2005 Voluntary Voting System Guidelines.

Before taking the HAVA mandated vote to accredit these labs, EAC contacted Wyle and required that they submit a letter of application to EAC, provide information, agree to program requirements and submit a signed certification of Laboratory Conditions and Practices. Wyle has submitted all requested information, and the information has been reviewed by EAC staff and found to be complete and sufficient.

**Recommendation:**

Noting that the laboratory has undergone successful lab assessments from NIST/NVLAP of their technical and management capabilities, and have submitted all information required by the Election Assistance Commission, staff recommends that:

1. The Commission vote to accredit Wyle Laboratories, Inc., of Huntsville, Alabama, as an EAC Voting System Test Laboratory (VSTL) pursuant to the requirements of Section 231(b) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.
2. The Commission causes EAC staff to forward to Wyle a certificate of accreditation as an EAC VSTL noting their scope of accreditation and their successful assessment by NVLAP.

3. The Commission cause EAC staff to post the certificate of accreditation, laboratory letter of application and signed certificate of conditions and practices on the EAC web site.