

Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Program Update
Qualified Technology List (QTL) Program – Follow on Vendor Workshop

Thursday, September 6, 2012

A TWIC Reader Qualified Technology List (QTL) Vendor Workshop was held on August 9, 2012 at Identification Technology Partners, Inc. (IDTP) office in Gaithersburg, MD. This workshop was attended by 20 people representing 18 different smart card reader manufactures. A second workshop is planned for **Thursday, September 6, 2012 from 9:00AM – 3:00PM Eastern** at IDTPs Gaithersburg office.

Per Dave Auman, IDTP QTL Project Manager, the “workshop was our first open forum between the TWIC program and the TWIC reader vendor community. Due to interest in the QTL program we have scheduled another workshop to accommodate the vendor demand.”

The vendors after internal testing with TWIC supplied test cards will provide their readers to the laboratories for detailed testing and process qualification review of their readers. TSA established a qualification approach for the readers and will be using three different independent NAVLAP laboratories for the reader qualification. The laboratories will review the process portion of the qualification tests, to get vendors posted onto the TSA TWIC QTL list. Additional proof of environment testing will also need to be completed for qualification. Details of the overall process are provided during the workshop.

Similar to the August workshop, the upcoming one on September 6th is intended for vendors only. For reader vendors/manufactures interested in attending, please submit contact information for those attending -- including name, title, company, email and phone number -- to james.orgill@dhs.gov. Directions and additional details on this event will be provided to attendees prior to the workshop.