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EAC Certification Program - VSTL and Registered Manufacturer E-Newsletter

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EAC CALENDAR and General INFORMATION – UPDATE

Make sure to visit the [EAC's Calendar](#) for the latest EAC events and updates.

Next EAC public meeting: 12/08/08, Washington, DC...[more information](#)

Don't forget to visit the [EAC's News Center](#) for the latest information about the Commission and all of its program and activities.

RESCHEDULING OF CERTIFICATION PROGRAM MEETING - REMINDER PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 31ST

The Certification Program meeting on the Cost of Testing and Integrated Testing Initiative has been rescheduled for Jan 29th & 30th, 2009, in Miami, FL. The meeting will take place at [The Miami Beach Resort & Spa](#) from 9:00am to 5:00pm each day. Only 1 representative from each agency allowed to participate; additional guests allowed to observe. Space is limited, so please RSVP by October 31, 2008 to Emily Jones at ejones@eac.gov to reserve your spot or if you would like additional information regarding this meeting.

USEFUL LINKS

- [Registered Manufacturers](#)
- [Voting System Test Laboratories Program Manual](#)
- [Voting System Testing & Certification Manual](#)
- [Requirements Matrix V.5.2](#)
- [Systems Currently Applying for Testing](#)

NOTICE OF CLARIFICATION (NOC) - NEW

To view all of the NOCs published by the EAC, please visit the [Notice of Clarifications](#) section of the Certification Program Web site.

NOC 08-001: VALIDITY OF PRIOR NON-CORE HARDWARE ENVIRONMENTAL AND EMC TESTING

-Sections of Standards

EAC Laboratory Accreditation Program Manual, Section 2.10.5., Section 2.10.5.1., Section 2.10.5.2., Section 2.10.5.2.1., Section 2.10.5.2.2., Section 2.10.5.2.3., Section 2.10.5.2.4.

QUICK START MANAGEMENT GUIDES – NEW

To view all of the Quick Start Management Guide Brochures published by the EAC, please visit the [quick start guides](#) section of the Election Official Center web site.

Four new quick start management guide brochures are available online: ([Press Release](#))

1. [Canvassing and Certifying an Election](#)
2. [Conducting a Recount](#)
3. [Provisional Ballots](#)
4. [Elderly and Disabled Voters in Long-Term Care Facilities](#)

ACCREDITED LABS – NEW

Commission Accredits Fifth Voting System Test Lab: CIBER, Inc. ([Press Release](#))

CONTRACTS – NEW

On September 15, 2008, the EAC awarded a 10-month contract to the University of South Alabama to assist the Commission in performing a voting systems risk assessment to facilitate making informed decisions relative to voting system standards. This assessment will encompass the complete range of voting system technologies – paper ballots, optical scan, DREs, web-based, etc. Two products will result from this effort. The first is a recommendation of an appropriate level of assurance for voting systems based on the analysis of threats and risks. The second is documentation of the methodology and models developed so the EAC and other stakeholders can utilize these tools independently without the assistance of specialized experts. These products will assist the EAC and the election community in fostering a broadly-based consensus on a prudent and acceptable degree of risk for voting systems by evaluating trade-offs, running sensitivity analyses, and performing cost-benefit analyses of proposed voting system security requirements.

ACCREDITATION MANUAL - NEW

The Voting System Test Laboratory Accreditation Manual received OMB approval (OMB No 3265-0013, exp 10/31/2011). The manual has been revised to reflect this information.

PROGRAM UPDATE – NEW

Until further notice, the EAC will serve as the archive/software repository noted in Sections 5.6.2.4 and 5.7 of our Manual.

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