

U. S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

VOTING SYSTEM TESTING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM 1225 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 1100 Washington, DC. 20005

March 9, 2009

Ms. Sue L. Munguia Director of Certification Election Systems and Software (ES&S) 11208 John Galt Boulevard Omaha, NE 68137

Dear Ms. Munguia,

We are in receipt of your March 4, 2009 letter (attached) regarding your request to change the lead Voting System Test Laboratory from SysTest Laboratories (SysTest) to iBeta Quality Assurance (iBeta). Section 4.3.1.2. of the EAC's *Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual* allows the Program Director of the EAC to grant permission to a manufacturer to change VSTL's when good cause is shown for the change. This decision is at the sole discretion of the Program Director and is made after careful consideration of the facts leading to the request.

In this case, SysTest was suspended by both NVLAP and the EAC. Because of this suspension, SysTest was not eligible to test voting systems under the EAC's program. Given these facts I find that there is good cause to allow Election Systems & Software (ES&S) to change the lead VSTL responsible for the testing of the Unity 4.0.0.0 voting system from SysTest Laboratories to iBeta Quality Assurance. Your amended application for testing has been accepted and the testing record will reflect this change of VSTL.

Please be aware that per section 4.3.1.2. iBeta Quality Assurance is now the lead VSTL responsible for the testing of the Unity 4.0.0.0 system and as such cannot be changed as the lead VSTL without the express written permission of the EAC Program Director.

Please let me know if you have any further questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Hancock

Director, Testing and Certification

March 4, 2009

Testing and Certification Program Director U.S. Election Assistance Commission 1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100 Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Program Director:

With respect to the Election Assistance Commission's decision to suspend the accreditation of SysTest Laboratories, Inc., Election Systems & Software respectfully requests the EAC to accept our request to change the lead VSTL for the remainder of the certification testing for Unity 4.0.0.0 submitted on April 19, 2007 and assigned application number ESS0702.

ES&S has selected iBeta Quality Assurance as their choice for lead VSTL for this effort. Enclosed with this letter, please find our amended Voting System Certification application reflecting this proposed VSTL change.

Respectfully:

Sue L. Munguia
Director of Certification

cc: Steve Pearson, Vice President of Certification