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A2LA Approved for Special Inspection Accreditation in Clark County, NV

April 12, 2012, Frederick, MD - The American Association for Laboratory Accreditation is proud to announce that its program for Special Inspection accreditation has been approved by the Department of Development Services, Building Division of Clark County, NV. This program is based on A2LA’s existing ISO/IEC 17020 Inspection Body accreditation program in combination with specific Clark County, NV requirements.

Special Inspections entail the monitoring of certain critical aspects of building construction as defined in Chapter 17 of the International Building Code (IBC). The Clark County Department of Development Services, Building Division then amplifies the requirements through technical bulletins and the Building Administrative Code (BAC). Clark County also requires special inspection agencies doing business within its jurisdiction to be accredited by an approved, nationally-recognized Accrediting Body.

“Special inspections provide an important public service by helping to ensure that new buildings are constructed as safely as possible, in accordance with relevant code requirements,” explained Peter Unger, A2LA CEO and President. “With this announcement, A2LA brings to the table and to Clark County over 30 years of experience and expertise in accrediting conformity assessment bodies.”

A2LA is currently accepting applications for accreditation from special inspection agencies performing work within Clark County, NV. Accreditation is based on ISO/IEC 17020 as well as the A2LA requirements document, R310- Specific Requirements: Special Inspection Agencies Inspection Body Accreditation Program. A2LA’s assessment of a special inspection agency includes a review of their quality management system, procedures and reporting, as well as oversight of the inspectors to verify technical competence. All Inspection Body application materials may be found on the A2LA website, http://www.a2la.org/inspweb/inspbody.cfm. Please direct any questions to the contact listed above.

ABOUT A2LA:

A2LA is a nonprofit, non-governmental, public service, membership society, whose stated mission is to “provide world-class accreditation and training services for testing and calibration laboratories, inspection bodies, proficiency testing providers, reference material producers and product certifiers. These and other future services should create stakeholder confidence in the quality, competence and integrity of all A2LA-accredited organizations and in their products and services.”

Services are available to applicants whether they are private, federal, state, or academic and regardless of their size and ownership status. A2LA is internationally recognized and is the largest multi-discipline accreditation body in the United States.