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Maryland Office of the State Fire Marshal Recognizes A2LA as an Approved Accreditation Body

June 11, 2013, Frederick, MD – A2LA is proud to announce that it has been granted approval for recognition by the Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office as an accreditation body for testing laboratories in the State of Maryland. A2LA is prepared to support the Fire Marshal’s life safety and fire prevention efforts as well as support the laboratory industry by fulfilling the department’s requirements.

The accreditation program is based on the international standard ISO/IEC 17025:2005 – General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories. Laboratories interested in becoming accredited by A2LA may find more information or request an estimate at www.A2LA.org. To verify accreditation and compliance, the Office of the Maryland State Fire Marshal, Department of Maryland State Police, looks for the “A2LA Accredited” symbol on test reports.

ABOUT A2LA:

A2LA is the largest multi-discipline accreditation body in the United States. It has been operating as a non-governmental, non-profit, public service membership society for over 30 years. A2LA provides accreditation to and training on the following international standards: ISO/IEC 17025 (testing/calibration), ISO/IEC 17020 (inspection bodies), ISO Guide 34 (reference material producers), ISO/IEC 17065 (product certification bodies), ISO/IEC 17043 (proficiency testing providers), and ISO 15189 (medical testing).