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A2LA Approved to Accredit FedRAMP Third Party Assessment Organizations (3PAO)

July 29, 2013, Frederick, MD - The American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) is proud to announce that it is now approved to offer ISO/IEC 17020 assessment and accreditation to Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) Third Party Assessment Organizations (3PAOs). A2LA will begin accepting applications for this program in October of 2013.

Under the FedRAMP Concept of Operations (CONOPS) 3PAOs will now be required to be assessed by A2LA in order to be accredited by the FedRAMP PMO. Through the use of technical experts as assessors, the A2LA assessment process involves a rigorous evaluation of technical competence of the 3PAOs, as well as an assessment of their compliance to the general requirements of ISO/IEC 17020. 3PAOs that are already recognized under the FedRAMP program will also be required to be assessed by A2LA in order to maintain their current accreditation through FedRAMP.

“We are pleased to be able to provide services that support the mission of FedRAMP,” said Peter S. Unger, President and CEO of A2LA. “Through our application and enforcement of the relevant national and international standards, government agencies can be assured of the technical competence of the organizations assessed by A2LA.”

This recent recognition of the A2LA IT accreditation program by FedRAMP is one of many recognitions that A2LA currently holds. For a complete list, please see the A2LA website (http://www.a2la.org/recognition/dom_recog.cfm).

For additional information on the US General Services Administration FedRAMP program please visit www.fedramp.gov.

For additional information regarding the A2LA FedRAMP accreditation program, please contact Samantha Dizor Carter at 301 644 3220 or sdizor@A2LA.org. Specific information on accreditation requirements and application materials will be available at a later date.

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