



U. S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
VOTING SYSTEM TESTING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
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October 31, 2008

Mr. Talbot Iredale
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Dear Mr. Iredale,

We are in receipt of your October 29, 2008 letter (attached) regarding your request to change the lead Voting System Test Laboratory from SysTest Laboratories (SysTest) to iBeta Quality Assurance (iBeta). As you note in your letter the EAC has informed SysTest of its intent to suspend the laboratory due to the suspension of its accreditation by the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP). 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 has been suspended by NVLAP and the EAC has issued intent to suspend the laboratory. SysTest is not currently eligible to test voting systems under the EAC's program. Given these facts I find that there is good cause to allow Premier Election Solutions to change the lead VSTL responsible for the testing of the Premier Assure 1.2 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 Premier Assure 1.2 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



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RE: Permission to replace SysTest Labs.

Dear Mr. Hancock:

We were informed on October 29, 2008 that EAC intends to suspend our selected VTSL, SysTest Labs, based on the suspension of this laboratory's accreditation by NIST/NVLAP. As a result, we are requesting written permission to replace SysTest Labs with iBeta Quality Assurance, an accredited VTSL. Your written permission for this change is required, as cited in section 4.3.1.2., *Selection of Accredited Laboratory*, of the EAC Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual.

As SysTest Labs was in the midst of testing our ASSURE 1.2 products, your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "T. Iredale", written over a dotted line.

Talbot Iredale, P.Eng.
Director, Research & Development
Premier Election Solutions, Inc.

Application Package for Assure 1.2 contains the following:

- Application Form
- Implementation Statement
- Functional Diagram
- System Overview