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Steve M. Pearson Vice President, Certification Election Systems and Software (ES&S) 11208 John Galt Boulevard Omaha, NE 68137

Dear Mr. Pearson,

We are in receipt of your December 17, 2010 letter (attached) regarding your request to change the lead Voting System Test Laboratory from iBeta Quality Assurance (iBeta) to Wyle Laboratories (Wyle) for the remainder of testing on Unity 3.2.1.0.

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, the decision by iBeta to discontinue operation as an EAC accredited voting system test laboratory absolutely required ES&S to choose another VSTL to complete testing of Unity 3.2.1.0. Given these facts I find that there is good cause to allow Election Systems & Software (ES&S) to change the lead VSTL. 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. Wyle is now the lead VSTL responsible for the testing of the Unity 3.2.1.0 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