



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Commissioner Donetta Davidson
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Ave., N.W.
Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Commissioner Davidson:

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has completed a comprehensive technical evaluation of the competence of Wyle Laboratories, Inc., Huntsville, AL, to test voting systems to Federal standards and proposes that Wyle Laboratories be accredited by the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) under the provisions of the Help America Vote Act. We understand that the EAC will take additional steps to qualify this laboratory prior to acceptance into the Commission's Testing and Certification Program.

Both the on-site assessment report generated by the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) assessment team and the laboratory's response to that report will be posted at <http://www.vote.nist.gov>.

Two additional laboratories have applied to NVLAP for consideration as voting system testing laboratories and are currently in the review process.

We look forward to continuing to support the EAC in its efforts to improve voting systems and the means by which they are tested and certified.

Sincerely,

James M. Turner
Acting Director

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