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Unified Testing Initiative

Overview:

During the January 29-30, 2009, Unified Testing Initiative and Cost of Testing Meeting the EAC proposed a pilot program to explore how it might assist States in order to shorten the timeline for product certifications and to potentially save the costs of redundant Federal /State testing. The initiative would also explore how the EAC may assist with costly testing requirements that are unique to a particular State(s).

Participants:

The following States have volunteered to participate in the Federal/State Combined Testing Initiative:

- California
- Georgia
- New York
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Texas

Next Steps:

The EAC will work with its voting system test laboratories (VSTLs) and with the States identified above to identify specific redundant testing and collect detailed State-specific testing requirements from these States. Once this information has been collected and analyzed, the EAC, VSTLs, and States will discuss the findings and 1) identify testing requirements that may be common to each of these States that can be quickly run on a parallel path with Federal testing and 2) define potential State legal or procedural challenges to implementing concurrent testing.