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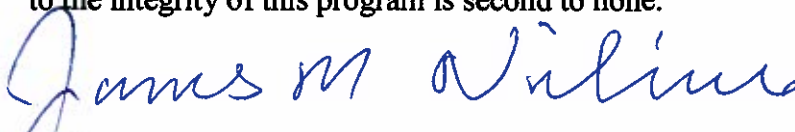
Brian Hancock
Director of Voting System Testing & Certification
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Avenue, NW, Ste. 1100
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Hancock,

We received your letter dated September 11, 2007 regarding both Sequoia Voting Systems' non-compliance and your directives to SysTest Labs regarding our involvement in EAC VSTL related voting system testing of the WinEDS Version 4.0.34. Please be assured that SysTest Labs has complied with your requests to halt any and all involvement with Sequoia Voting Systems and that we will be submitting to the EAC a description of the testing and analysis performed on this system, including status and results. We also understand and will comply should the EAC require that SysTest Labs submit to Sequoia Voting Systems' Lead EAC VSTL detailed information on all testing completed by SysTest Labs on the system.

As you stated in your letter, SysTest Labs does take our role as an EAC VSTL very seriously and endeavor at every point to adhere to each and every policy and regulation regarding EAC VSTL testing and related services. We do understand the policies and guidelines published by the EAC and fully recognize that past informal regulations established by the NASED organization have no applicability in the EAC's program. SysTest Labs' was not aware that Sequoia Voting Systems had entered into contracts with both SysTest Labs and iBeta until July 2, 2007, one week after we executed a contract for EAC VSTL testing services with Sequoia and over two months since SysTest Labs had a kick-off meeting with Sequoia defining the VSTL effort. When SysTest Labs asked Sequoia's Management in a meeting with SysTest Labs' on July 6, 2007 who would be Sequoia's Lead EAC VSTL, we were told that the decision had not yet been made. It was not until late in July 2007 that we were notified that Sequoia had selected iBeta as their Lead EAC VSTL and at no time had Sequoia notified SysTest Labs that they had completed an Application for Voting System Testing with the EAC specifying SysTest Labs as a subcontractor to iBeta.

It has not, is not, and will never be our intention to try and circumvent the EAC's policies and guidelines in any way and was not our intention in this matter. As you know from our history as an audited and accredited Full ITA for NASED, an audited and accredited Full Interim ITA for the EAC, and as an audited and accredited EAC VSTL, our commitment to the integrity of this program is second to none.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James M. Nilius".

James M. Nilius
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