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CMEC Approved for NACLA CMET Recognition

Washington, DC - - May 30, 2012 - - NACLA is pleased to announce the decision of the NACLA Recognition Council to award its Construction Materials Testing (CMET) recognition to the Construction Materials Engineering Council (CMEC), Orlando, Florida. The recognition runs through May 31, 2016.

According to David Savage, CMEC’s Director of Accreditation, “With the growing number of third party Accreditation Bodies in the United States, NACLA’s role is becoming more and more important.” He continued, “There has always been a need in the United States for a program to recognize the Accreditation Bodies and NACLA is fulfilling that role.”

According to Arman Hovakemian, NACLA President, "This recognition is another milestone in NACLA's growth and expansion and a testimony to its important mission and value for the United States laboratory accreditation system."

On Friday, October 7, 2011, the US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration formally accepted the Construction Materials (CMET) Recognition awarded by the National Cooperation for Laboratory Accreditation (NACLA). NACLA’s CMET recognition satisfies the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regulation titled “Quality Assurance Procedures for Construction” 23 CFR 637 paragraphs 637.209 (a) (2), (3), and (4).

This is the second CMET recognition issued by NACLA. The first one was granted to Laboratory Accreditation Bureau (L-A-B), Fort Wayne, Indiana in May 2011.



Currently, NACLA offers the following accepted evaluation procedures:

1. Evaluation Procedure for Accreditation Bodies Assessing to ISO/IEC 17025.
2. Evaluation Procedure for Accreditation Bodies Assessing to Technical Requirements for Construction and Materials Testing (**CMET**).
3. Evaluation Procedure for Accreditation Bodies Assessing to Technical Requirements of ANSI/NCSL Z540.3, Subclause 5.3 (**Z540.3**).

NACLA was founded by representatives of public and private-sector organizations to provide coordination and focus for laboratory accreditation programs in the U.S. NACLA's primary mission is to evaluate U.S. ABs and to grant recognition to those ABs found to be in compliance with NACLA procedures and the relevant international standards for competent ABs including ISO / IEC 17011:2004, "Conformity assessment — General requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies." NACLA also provides educational and training opportunities to persons interested in the recognition of ABs and the relevant standards for laboratory accreditation.

NACLA is a stakeholder organization. Accordingly, its leadership body, the Board of Directors/Operations Council is composed of balanced representation from the four key stakeholder groups: Industry, Government, Laboratories and Accreditation Bodies.

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