

COMMERCIAL-GRADE CALIBRATION SERVICES

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Scope of Alternative

- Commercial-grade suppliers of calibration services.
- Alternative method for qualifying suppliers in lieu of supplier audit, commercial-grade survey, or in-process surveillance
- Arizona Public Services – Bases of NRC approval documented in the safety evaluation.



Accreditation Boards

- NVLAP (National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program)
 - Administered by the National Institute of Science and Technology

- A2LA (American Association for Laboratory Accreditation)
 - Non-governmental, public-service society founded in 1978



ILAC

(International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation)

- ILAC is an international cooperation between the various laboratory accreditation schemes operated throughout the world.
- ILAC was formalized as a cooperation in 1996 when 44 national bodies signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in Amsterdam.
- This MOU provided the basis for the further development of the Cooperation and the eventual establishment of a multilateral recognition agreement between ILAC member bodies.
- NVLAP and A2LA are ILAC signatory members.



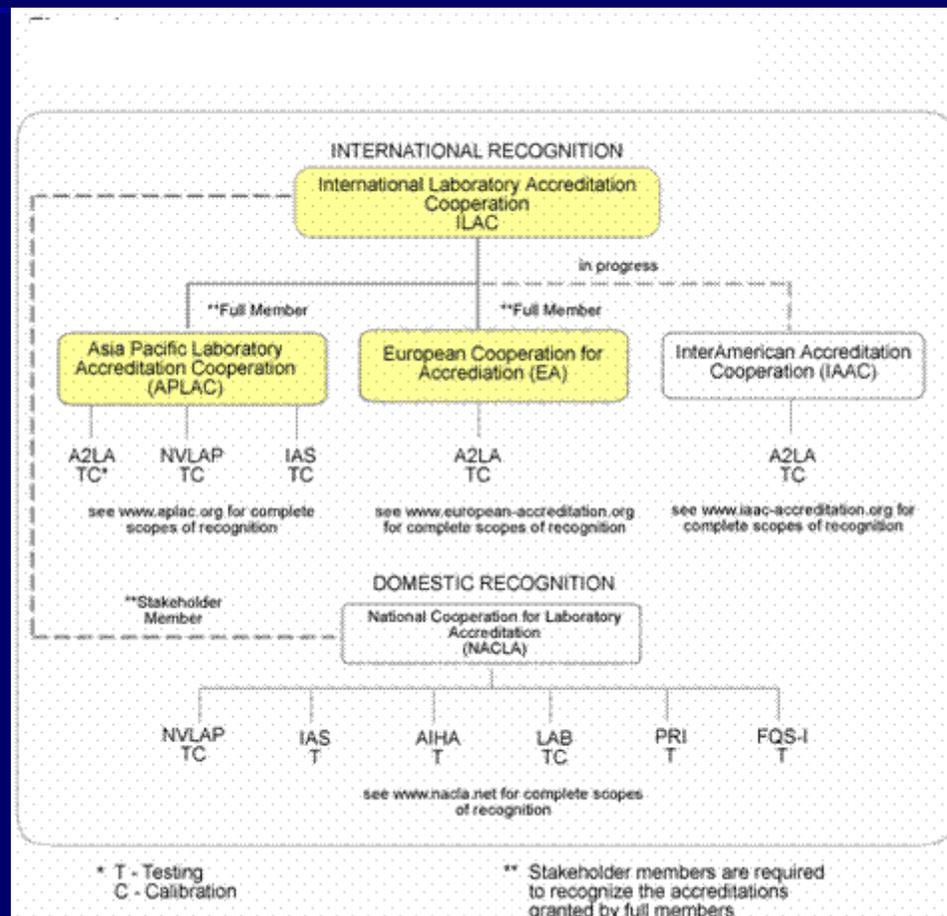
ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement

- World-Wide Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA)
 - Objective: Recognition of the equivalency of member accreditation bodies by all signatory bodies thru the MRA.
 - Accreditation programs of signatory bodies are evaluated/reevaluated by recognized Regional Cooperation Members.
 - ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement: “Requirements for Evaluation of Accreditation Bodies,” ILAC-P1:2003



U.S. Accreditation Bodies

International and Domestic Recognition



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Implementing the Alternative

- Delegation of commercial-grade services controlled through procurement documents and purchasing requirements.
- Alternate provisions for qualifying the supplier to be clearly established and delineated in the quality assurance program.
- The methods and criteria for evaluating and selecting suppliers would be based on ISO/IEC 17025, as implemented by the approved accreditation bodies (NVLAP, A2LA).
- Licensees responsible for verifying:
 - Commercial-grade supplier's accreditation
 - Scope of accreditation covers the needed measurement parameters, ranges, and uncertainties



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National Voluntary
Laboratory Accreditation Program

ISO/IEC 17025:1999
ISO 9002:1994

Scope of Accreditation



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CALIBRATION LABORATORIES

NVLAP LAB CODE 105014-0

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NVLAP Code: 20/A01

ANSI/NCSL Z540-1-1994; Part 1

Compliant

DIMENSIONAL

NVLAP Code: 20/D33

Gage Blocks

Nominal Length, in.	Best Uncertainty (\pm) in μm , $k=2$
0.00155 to 0.04000	2.8
>0.04000 to 0.25000	2.5
>0.25000 to 1.0000	2.6
2.0000	2.9
3.0000	3.1
4.0000	3.3
5.0000	3.6
6.0000	3.9

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For the National Institute of Standards and Technology



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