



ACIL Seal of Excellence

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LABORATORIES RECEIVE ACIL SEAL OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

WASHINGTON, DC, OCTOBER 17, 2005—The American Council of Independent Laboratories (ACIL) announces the Seal of Excellence Award recipients for 2005. The ACIL Seal of Excellence Awards were presented at the ACIL Meeting in Palm Springs, CA, on October 16, 2005, by the chairman of the ACIL Data Integrity Committee, Dr. Charlie Carter, of Severn Trent Laboratories, Inc. Sixty-two (62) laboratories received the award this year.

This program provides laboratory data users with a mechanism for evaluating environmental testing laboratories. Participants are committed to ensuring the integrity of data, meeting customers' quality needs and setting the standards of performance for the testing laboratory industry. No other environmental certification program ranks participating laboratories' 12 months of Proficiency Testing study rounds. No other evaluation program ranks customer responses to satisfaction with services and requires the laboratory management to commit to a data integrity program.

The following laboratories, presented alphabetically, have demonstrated their commitment to quality and customer service by participating in the 2005 ACIL Seal of Excellence program:

Accutest Laboratories, Orlando, FL
Accutest Laboratories, Dayton, NJ
Accutest Laboratories of New England, Marlborough, MA
Aerotech Laboratories, Inc., Phoenix, AZ
Alpha Analytical Labs, Inc., Westborough, MA
Ana-Lab Corp, Kilgore, TX
Analytical Services, Inc., Greenville, SC
Analytical Services, Inc., Norcross, GA
Braun Intertec, Bloomington, MN
BSK Analytical Laboratories, Fresno, CA
Chemtech, Mountainside, NJ
Columbia Analytical Services, Inc (CAS/S), Simi Valley, CA
Columbia Analytical Services, Inc. (CAS /D), Redding, CA
Columbia Analytical Services, Inc. (CAS/C), Canoga Park, CA
Columbia Analytical Services, Inc. (CAS/H), Houston, TX
Columbia Analytical Services, Inc. (CAS/J), Jacksonville, FL
Columbia Analytical Services, Inc. (CAS/K), Kelso, WA
Columbia Analytical Services, Inc. (CAS/P), Phoenix, AZ
Columbia Analytical Services, Inc. (CAS/R), Rochester, NY



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CompuChem, a division of Liberty Analytical Corp., Cary, NC
Continental Analytical Services, Inc., Salina, KS
Del Mar Analytical, Phoenix, AZ
Del Mar Analytical, Irvine, CA
Edward S. Babcock & Sons, Riverside, CA
General Engineering Laboratories LLC, Charleston, SC
Great Lakes Analytical, Inc., King of Prussia, PA
Great Lakes Analytical, Inc., Buffalo Grove, IL
H2M Labs Inc, Melville, NY
M.J. Reider Associates, Inc., Reading, PA
North Creek Analytical, Bothell, WA
North Creek Analytical, Inc., Beaverton, OR
P & K Microbiology Services, Inc., Cherry Hill, NJ
Shealy Environmental Services, Inc., Cayce, SC
Star Analytical, Fort Worth, TX
STL Aerotech Environmental Laboratories, Phoenix, AZ
STL Austin, Austin, TX
STL Buffalo, Amherst, NY
STL Burlington, Colchester, VT
STL Chicago, University Park, IL
STL Connecticut, Shelton, CT
STL Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX
STL Denver, Arvada, CO
STL Edison, Edison, NJ
STL Houston, Houston, TX
STL Knoxville, Knoxville, TN
STL Los Angeles, Santa Ana, CA
STL Miami, Miramar, FL
STL Newburgh, Newburgh, NY
STL North Canton, North Canton, OH
STL Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
STL Richland, Richland, WA
STL Sacramento, West Sacramento, CA
STL San Francisco, Pleasanton, CA
STL St. Louis, Earth City, MO
STL Valparaiso, Valparaiso, IN
STL Westfield, Westfield, MA
TestAmerica Analytical Testing Corporation, Cedar Falls, IA
TestAmerica Analytical Testing Corporation, Dayton, OH
TestAmerica Analytical Testing Corporation, Nashville, TN
TriMatrix Laboratories, Inc., Grand Rapids, MI
Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., South Bend, IN
Weck Laboratories, Inc., Industry, CA



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An environmental testing laboratory that wants to be recognized as a participating laboratory must submit 12 months of Proficiency Testing (PT) scores, if available, and distribute satisfaction surveys to their customers and maintain proof of an annual ethics training program and an early detection system for questionable analytical practices, submit a signed code of ethics.

The Seal of Excellence participants in 2005 demonstrated an average Proficiency Testing score of 96.8%, average timeliness of 3.3 out of a possible 4.0 and an overall customer satisfaction score of 3.6 out of a possible 4.0.

Special Recognition Awards were presented, again in alphabetical order, for each category, to the following Top Ten Laboratories in the categories identified. The Timeliness and Overall Customer Satisfaction recognitions are based on the responses from the client surveys.

Top Ten - Overall Customer Satisfaction

Accutest Laboratories, Orlando, FL
Ana-Lab Corp, Kilgore, TX
Columbia Analytical Services, Inc. (CAS/J), Jacksonville, FL
Continental Analytical Services, Inc., Salina, KS
Great Lakes Analytical, Inc., King of Prussia, PA
H2M Labs Inc, Melville, NY
North Creek Analytical, Inc., Beaverton, OR
Shealy Environmental Services, Inc., Cayce, SC
Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., South Bend, IN
Weck Laboratories, Inc., Industry, CA

Top Ten PT Scores

Large Laboratory Programs (\geq 100 Average Analytes Attempted)

Accutest Laboratories, Orlando, FL
Accutest Laboratories, Dayton, NJ
Continental Analytical Services, Inc., Salina, KS
H2M Labs Inc, Melville, NY
STL Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX

Small Laboratory Programs ($<$ 100 Average Analytes Attempted)

Columbia Analytical Services, Inc (CAS/S), Simi Valley, CA
Columbia Analytical Services, Inc. (CAS/H), Houston, TX
Columbia Analytical Services, Inc. (CAS/R), Rochester, NY
STL Houston, Houston, TX
STL Knoxville, Knoxville, TN



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Top Ten – Timeliness

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Analytical Services, Inc., Greenville, SC
Braun Intertec, Bloomington, MN
Chemtech, Mountainside, NJ
Columbia Analytical Services, Inc. (CAS/J), Jacksonville, FL
H2M Labs Inc, Melville, NY
Shealy Environmental Services, Inc., Cayce, SC
Star Analytical, Fort Worth, TX

The Seal of Excellence program was developed in 1996 to address the industry's need to improve its focus on quality issues and recognize those laboratories with exemplary quality performance.

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