NVLAP IT Security Testing LAP Announcement

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Memorandum For: Parties Interested in the NVLAP IT Security Testing Laboratory Accreditation Program

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Subject: Establishment of the Program

A request for the establishment of the NVLAP Information Technology Security Testing Program and the inclusion of Common Criteria testing in that program was published in the Federal Register/Vol. 64, No. 31/Wednesday, February 17, 1999/Notices, pp. 7859-7861. At the end of the comment period, no negative comments were received.

We hereby announce the decision to establish the NVLAP Information Technology Security Testing Program (ITST Program). A formal announcement of the commencement of the program will be published in the Federal Register. The Scope of Accreditation will include two separate fields: Common Criteria Testing (CCT) based on ISO/IEC FDIS 15408 and Cryptographic Module Testing (CMT) based on FIPS 140-1. The CMT program will be moved from the NVLAP Computer Applications Testing Program to the NVLAP ITST Program.

Laboratories currently accredited by NVLAP for the CMT program will receive new Certificates and Scopes of Accreditation with the new program name. No action is required on the part of the laboratory.

Applications for the new Common Criteria field and the fee schedule are available from NVLAP. It is anticipated that Laboratories whose applications are received by June 14 will be the first group to be assessed for accreditation. On-site assessment dates will be chosen to accommodate the laboratories and to minimize resources and expense. Applications received after June 14 will be acted upon as they are received. There is no penalty for applying after June 14.

The NVLAP Admin/Tech Support fee for the CMT field is $3000 and for the CCT field is $3000, however, the Admin/Tech Support fee for a laboratory accredited in both is $3800. The laboratory need not apply for both fields at the same time in order to receive the discount.

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