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LABORATORIES RECEIVE ACIL SEAL OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

WASHINGTON, DC, OCTOBER 10, 2011–The Washington, DC-based American Council of Independent Laboratories (ACIL) announced today the 21 laboratories receiving the nationwide 2011 ACIL Seal of Excellence (SOE) Award at the ACIL Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

Developed in 1996 to address the industry's quality issues and recognize those laboratories with exemplary quality performance, the SOE Program also provides laboratory data users with a mechanism to evaluate testing laboratories. Participants commit to ensuring data integrity, meeting customers’ quality needs and setting performance standards for the testing laboratory industry. No other evaluation program ranks customer satisfaction with laboratory services and requires laboratory management to commit to a data integrity program.

As recipients of the ACIL SOE, the following laboratories, presented alphabetically, have demonstrated commitment to quality and customer service:

Accutest Laboratories, Inc., Dayton, NJ
Ana-Lab Corp., Kilgore, TX
Atlantic Testing Laboratories, Limited, Utica, NY
Brooks Rand Labs, LLC, Seattle, WA
Certified Laboratories of California, Inc., Buena Park, CA
Certified Laboratories of Northern California, Merced, CA
Certified Laboratories, Inc., Plainview, NY
Chemtech, Mountainside, NJ
Continental Analytical Services, Inc., Salina, KS
Edward S. Babcock & Sons Inc., Riverside, CA
ETS Laboratories, St. Helena, CA
Gibraltar Laboratories, Inc., Fairfield, NJ
H2M Labs Inc., Melville, NY
M.J. Reider Associates, Reading, PA
Michelson Laboratories, Inc., Commerce, CA
Microbac Laboratories, Inc., Louisville, KY
Microbac Laboratories, Inc., Marietta, OH
RTI Laboratories, Inc., Livonia, MI
TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc., Nashville, TN
TriMatrix Laboratories, Inc., Grand Rapids, MI
Weck Laboratories, Inc., City of Industry, CA
To become an SOE participant, testing laboratories must distribute satisfaction surveys to customers and maintain proof of an annual ethics training program and an early detection system for questionable analytical practices, and submit a signed code of ethics. Participants in 2011 demonstrated an average timeliness of 3.5 out of a possible 4.0 and an overall customer satisfaction score of 3.7 out of a possible 4.0.

Recipients of Special Recognition Awards for timeliness and overall customer satisfaction, based on client survey responses and presented in alphabetical order, are:

**Overall Customer Satisfaction**
- Continental Analytical Services, Inc., Salina, KS
- H2M Labs Inc., Melville, NY
- M.J. Reider Associates, Reading, PA
- Microbac Laboratories, Inc., Marietta, OH

**Timeliness**
- Chemtech, Mountainside, NJ
- H2M Labs Inc., Melville, NY
- M.J. Reider Associates, Reading, PA
- Microbac Laboratories, Inc., Marietta, OH

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