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## ANTI-TRUST STATEMENT

One of the essential principles of ACIL Sections provides that meetings must comply with the antitrust rules applying to trade associations. This means that, during any ACIL meeting, there shall be no discussion of the following: current or future prices of services; price lists or procedures for coordinating price changes, sales quotas, allocation or division of territories or clients; boycotting any party or denying any party access to markets, products, or information; commercial practices of competitors or clients; anything dealing with trade abuses or excluding or controlling competition. There is a degree of constitutional protection from antitrust liability when dealing in good faith with taking positions on legislation. Nonetheless, following the foregoing will help avoid potential problems.
POLICY MEETINGS – March 20th

10:30am – Noon Registration Open
11:30am – 1:00pm Lunch and Opening Speaker
   Third-Party Programs to Assess Regulatory Compliance
   David Pritzker, Deputy General Counsel of the Administrative Conference
   of the US (ACUS) discusses recommendations from the ACUS on agency use
   of third party programs to assess regulatory compliance.

1:00pm – 5:30pm Registration Open
1:00pm – 5:30pm Policy Meetings

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT

China Market Access: A New Paradigm in the Offing
Craig Allen and Jenny May, US Department of Commerce, provide an important update on discussions between US trade interests and Chinese regulators. This includes progress on opening the Chinese conformity assessment process to third-party interests, seeking to lessen the burden of complying with China product safety, electromagnetic compatibility and telecommunications regulations.

NIST MRA Update
Ramona Saar, NIST Program Manager, provides an overview of NIST’s work on Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs)--the heart of the conformity assessment process that underpins free exchange of goods based on acceptance across international boundaries. Her discussion covers agreements with several new countries and improved existing agreements with MRA partners around the world.

WTO TBT Agreement & New Opportunities for Russia-US Trade
Bryan O’Byrne and Joe Wereszynski, US Department of Commerce (DOC), present the latest activities within the DOC to establish common conformity assessment and standards practices with Russia, including assisting Russian regulators to develop a framework that conforms to Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) requirements embedded in the WTO agreements.

Standards and Conformity Assessment – NIST Update
Gordon Gillerman, Chief of Standards Services at NIST, provides an update from NIST regarding standards and conformity assessment.

Single NRTL Mark
Cynthia Esher, President; Measurement, Control and Automation Association (MCAA), provides an overview of MCAA’s position on its goals for a single NRTL approved mark to reduce the burden of conformity assessment and factory inspections on member organizations, and progress on activities to advance these goals.

EPA Energy Star
Eamon Monahan, EPA Program Analyst, provides critical updates to the EPA’s ENERGYSTAR (R) program, which regulates power consumption for consumer and commercial equipment, saving millions of dollars in energy costs and continuing to evolve as new requirements are implemented.
POLICY MEETINGS – March 20th

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT (Cont.)

FCC EMC Requirements
George Tannahill, FCC, updates the CAS on recent actions surrounding FCC rules and processes in this fast-changing world of wireless technology that creates regulatory challenges to govern the approval of radio frequency devices. His position with the FCC Laboratory in Columbia, MD, which oversees the Equipment Authorization program used to place products on the US market, gives him a unique perspective on this topic.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

EPA Activities
EPA staff listed below updates the section on current and planned methods and monitoring activities, and ACIL’s request to change the drinking water regulations to permit states to use third-party accrediting bodies.

- Kim Kirkland – SW-846/RCRA Program
- Lem Walker – Waste Water Program
- Greg Carroll – Drinking Water Program

ACIL Third-Party Accreditation Initiative
Milton Bush, ACIL CEO and Cabot Earle, Microbac Laboratories, discuss advances in ACIL’s agenda to change state laboratory accreditation programs to recognize third-party Accreditation Body (AB) accreditations as an alternative to state-only ABs.

Independent Laboratories Institute (ILI) Advances
David Friedman, ACIL’s Environmental Sciences Section Consultant, conducts a briefing on ILI activities to establish a partnership between the EPA and independent commercial laboratory and technology innovation monitoring communities, including an update on the most recent ILI workshop to support the SW-846 methods program and the program to develop and validate a generic method for Solid Phase Extraction.

Other Issues
Service Contract Act – Charlie Carter, TestAmerica
DOT Sample Bottle Transportation

FOOD SCIENCES

FSMA Implementation
John Bode, ACIL’s Food Sciences Section Consultant, updates the section on FSMA implementation.

Inner Workings of FDA
Mike Olson, ACIL’s Food Sciences Section Consultant and former FDA insider, presents a roadmap for ACIL members to decipher the inner workings of FDA.
POLICY MEETINGS – March 20th

FOOD SCIENCES (Cont.)

Input for Pesticide Residue Inter-laboratory Study
FDA staff reports on the pesticide residue inter-laboratory study completed last year and discusses a second study to be performed in 2013 which provides an opportunity for more input from private laboratories.

Clarification of Pesticide Residues in Foods Rule
Cheri Courtney, USDA Director of NOP Accreditation and International Activities Division, discusses the pesticide residues in foods rule.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS ENGINEERING AND TESTING

NETTCP and AASHTO on Personnel Certification
Chris Bowker, North East Transportation Technician Certification Program (NETTCP), leads a discussion on developing an ACIL personnel certification program.

FHWA on Benefits of Recognition to ACIL/NACLA Guide 1825
Mike Rafalowski, Federal Highways Administration (FHWA), presents an update of the agency’s activities, and the benefits to obtaining NACLA recognition and utilizing ACIL/NACLA Guide 1825.

FAA Regulatory Update
Greg Cline, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), discusses upcoming changes to the FAA pavement specifications.

Army Corp of Engineers Update
A representative from the Army Corp of Engineers updates section members on recent activities of interest to construction materials engineering and testing laboratories, and gives their perspective on NACLA recognition.

Sector-Specific Recognition Initiatives for US Laboratory ABs
Robert Uttenweiler, National Cooperation for Laboratory Accreditation (NACLA), presents the latest sector-specific recognition initiatives for laboratory accreditation bodies in the US and reviews current programs. He also discusses the current status of the ACIL/NACLA 1825 revision.
BUSINESS PRACTICES MEETINGS – March 21st

7:00am Registration Opens
7:00am – 7:45am Breakfast in General Session Room
7:45am – 8:00am General Session – Opening Remarks & Introductions
8:00am – 9:00am General Session

Federal Rule on Procurement of Laboratory Services?

Jack Kelly (Invited), Policy Analyst, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, discusses the value of developing a consistent Federal policy on procuring laboratory services.

9:00am – 10:00am Education Session: Marketing & Branding

Decoding and Leveraging Your Audience’s Real Pain Points

Bob London, London Ink, LLC guides you through a methodology for detecting the Elevator Rant and using it in your marketing strategy and tactics. The Elevator Rant is your prospect’s candid, specific and sometimes emotional articulation of his/her pain in trying to get some part of his/her job done correctly. A prequel to the “elevator pitch,” the Elevator Rant, or what your ideal prospect talks (or complains!) about on an elevator when you are not around, provides critical information needed to craft an effective “elevator pitch,” a short description of your business or product and the value it delivers, originating in response to the question: “How would you explain your business if you were on a 30-second elevator ride with a venture capitalist?”

10:00am – 11:00am Education Session: Running Effective Meetings

Jamie Hasty, SESCO Management Consultants, facilitates training on running effective meetings. Although numerous variables make each meeting unique, the heart of effective meetings is positive collaboration towards action – to inspire the best possible actions for all people involved. Remember, running good meetings takes practice, hard work and awareness (whether they are issue, Board or member meetings). Because it’s not possible to have a one-size-fits-all approach to running effective meetings, since each meeting has uniqueness, this informative session identifies practical tips and tools to break down meeting organization in a way that helps your company. Participants focus on proper preparation and planning, participant engagement, management of personalities, and commitment and follow-through on meeting directives.

11:00am – 11:20am Break

11:20am – 12:20pm Education Session: Implications of Healthcare Reform Act

Alex Adler, HGA Financial LLC, and Nicole Porter, SBA Washington Metropolitan Area District Office, lead a discussion around the new healthcare reform act and its implications for individuals and companies. The session is structured for interaction and questions from attendees.

12:20pm – 2:00pm Lunch on your own

2:00pm – 6:00pm Congressional and Regulatory Agency Visits
(as scheduled by ACIL staff)
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Alexander Adler, HGA Financial LLC

Founder and President of HGA Financial LLC, a Maryland-based employee benefits and insurance firm with a client base spanning 14 states, Alexander Adler has worked with small and mid-sized companies for the past decade to find comprehensive solutions to fit the needs of his clients and their employees. He is a graduate of Howard County's prestigious Leadership Premier Program, and serves as a director for the Howard County Chamber of Commerce as well as Leadership Howard County. Alex received the ACE award as Business Advocate of the Year in 2011 for his work in healthcare reform.

Craig Allen, US Department of Commerce International Trade Administration (ITA)

Craig Allen has worked for the Department of Commerce’s International Trade Administration since 1985, including stints as Senior Commercial Officer in South Africa, Minister Counselor in the Senior Foreign Service while in Beijing, Commercial Attaché for consumer goods, standards, chemical sector, and medical equipment in Japan and China, and director of the American Trade Center in Taipei. He has also worked on the APEC Summits in Brunei, China and Mexico, starting his ITA career as a Presidential Management Intern, rotating through the four branches of the ITA, then serving as an international economist in the ITA China Office.

Craig received a Master’s of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in 1985, and a BA from the University of Michigan in Political Science and Asian Studies in 1979. While at Georgetown, Craig worked for the US Congress on issues associated with technology transfer to China.

John Bode, John Bode LLC

One of the nation’s leading attorneys in food and agriculture matters, John Bode was a principal at Olsson Frank Weeda Terman Bode Matz PC, where he chaired a 14-person public policy practice prior to going solo in 2011. He serves as general counsel to food trade associations and represents leading food companies and trade associations in legislative and regulatory matters.

John has played a significant role in every major change in federal food law over the past 25 years and every Farm Bill since 1981, with extensive experience representing companies in congressional investigations. Before entering private practice in 1989, he served three Presidential appointments at the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). John was responsible for approximately one-half of the USDA budget, testified on behalf of the Reagan and Bush Administrations over 70 times and directly oversaw approximately 90 proposed and final rules. Before joining USDA in 1981, he served on the staff of the US Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, and the staff of then-Governor of Oklahoma, David L. Boren.

John received his BA in 1977, his JD from George Mason University in 1983 and completed a non-degree program at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government. Admitted to the Oklahoma Bar in 1983, he currently belongs to the Oklahoma Bar Association. His practice is focused exclusively on matters and proceedings before federal courts and agencies.
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Christopher W. Bowker, Bowker Consulting

With over 45 years experience in construction materials testing and inspection, specializing in hot mix asphalt, soils, concrete and related materials, Christopher Bowker currently serves as executive director of the NorthEast Transportation Training and Certification Program (NETTCP) and as an expert witness in hot mix asphalt construction. A former vice president at Professional Service Industries, Briggs Engineering and Testing Company and American Engineering and Testing Company, Chris earned his Associates Degree in Architectural Engineering from Wentworth Institute in Boston.

Milton Bush, ACIL

Principal and owner of The M Companies, a government affairs and association management company heavily focused in conformity assessment (inspection, testing, certification, accreditation and quality systems registration), Milton Bush has held increasingly responsible positions in major international trade associations and professional societies over the last 30 years, culminating with his current position as ACIL CEO.

Milt has represented clients before Congress, Federal agencies and international bodies in the following issue areas: defense, R&D, appropriations, international trade, telecommunications, taxation, admiralty, product liability, information technology, energy, homeland security, food and drugs, labor, transportation, environment, technology and science. He has chaired and served on a number of Boards of Directors as well as Federal Advisory Committees and has been a technical advisor to the Federal government.

Milt earned a law degree from George Mason University, is a magna cum laude undergraduate, a registered lobbyist and a Certified Association Executive (CAE).

Charlie Carter, TestAmerica

Dr. Charles Carter is Vice President of Quality, Technical, and Support Services for TestAmerica where he has ultimate responsibility for quality assurance and technical performance of all TestAmerica laboratories. He also oversees health and safety, pricing controls, customer service interactions, performance problem resolutions, process improvement initiatives and information systems implementations. During his 30 years of environmental laboratory experience, he has been active in various industry associations, and is a recognized technical expert in various areas of environmental chemistry. As an undergraduate at Earlham College he studied religion, philosophy and ethics; he holds a Masters in Environmental Science and a PhD in Environmental Chemistry from Drexel University.
Gregory D. Cline, PE, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA HQ)

The Airport Pavements Civil Engineer at the Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Safety and Standards, Airport Engineering Division (also known as AAS 100) in Washington DC, Greg Cline develops technical and policy documents, including pavement related advisory circulars and engineering briefs; provides technical assistance and guidance to FAA management, regional and field offices; oversees research projects and tech-transfer for the IPRF and AAPTP programs; and maintains liaison with organizations including the Tri-Service Pavement Working Group, Canadian Airfield Pavement Technical Group (CAPTG), ICAO and industry.

Greg started in this position at FAA headquarters in August 2010, bringing over 30 years of wide ranging experience to the Airport Engineering Division as a result of his previous positions with the NAVFAC Engineering Service Center as airfield pavements subject matter expert; and as principal of ACCESS Consulting, chief engineer of BTC Laboratories, Inc., project engineer for the Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory and pavements O&M engineer for the US Forest Service.

An engineering graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Greg received his MS in Systems Management from the University of Southern California. He is a licensed Professional Civil Engineer in both Wisconsin and California; and a member and 1st past Chair of ASCE’s T&DI Airfield Pavilion Committee.

Cheri Courtney, US Department of Agriculture

National Organic Program, Director of the Accreditation and International Activities Division, Cheri Courtney has worked for the Department of Agriculture for over 20 years. As the Deputy Director of the Fresh Products Division, she oversaw various programs including the USDA Fresh Inspection Service and the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP) audit program.

Cabot Earle, Microbac Laboratories, Inc.

As chief administrative officer and general counsel for Microbac Laboratories, Inc., Cabot Earle leads the company’s corporate legal, financial, technology, talent and quality groups. He is also a member of Microbac’s executive committee. Active within ACIL for many years, Cabot chairs ACIL’s Government Relations Committee, and has worked on such issues as accreditation and unfair competition.

Cabot earned his MBA from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH, his JD from the Roger Williams Law School in Bristol, RI and his BA from Davidson College in Davidson, NC. He is admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
Cynthia Esher, Measurement, Control, and Automation Association

President of the Measurement, Control and Automation Association, Cynthia Esher has been affiliated with MCAA or its prior parent organization, the Scientific Apparatus Makers Association, since 1978. She holds a bachelor’s degree in English from Duke University and a Masters in Association Management from the University of Maryland and the American Society of Association Executives.

Gordon Gillerman, NIST

As the Chief of the Standards Services Division in Technology Services at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Gordon coordinates and advises federal agencies, US industry and other stakeholders on standards and conformity assessment policy. Standards Services operates the US inquiry point for the World Trade Organization’s Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement, a key information source for US industry on standards-related market access issues.

Gordon has extensive experience coordinating standards policy and development across a wide range of issues critical to the US, including homeland security, cloud computing, safety, health and protection of the environment. Gordon has led NIST in designing and implementing conformity assessment programs as well as assisting in the development of performance standards to meet other federal agency and industry needs and fulfilling NIST’s role in coordinating standards and conformity assessment in the US. Gordon is the Public Sector Co-Chair of the American National Standards Institute’s (ANSI) Homeland Security Standards Panel, a member of the Toy Industry Association, Toy Safety Certification Program’s Oversight Council and a sought after lecturer on standards, conformity assessment and regulation.

Jamie Hasty, SESCO Management Consultants

A vice president with SESCO Management Consultants, Bristol, TN and Richmond, VA, Jamie Hasty consults in all areas of human resource management with specialties in affirmative action, policy development, wage and hour accounting, employment regulation compliance, training and development, compensation and performance management systems, employee satisfaction assessments, executive screening and placement, and general human resources.

She regularly conducts management training programs for clients and serves as a guest speaker for state and national associations and chambers of commerce, and is a certified trainer for Vital Learning Corporation and SESCO Leadership Institute.

Her professional affiliations include Delta Sigma Pi, a professional business fraternity, the Society for Human Resource Management and the Bristol VA/TN Chamber of Commerce. Jamie graduated from East Tennessee State University with a BBA in Human Resources Management.
Jack Kelly, Office of Federal Procurement Policy

A senior policy analyst in the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Jack Kelly serves as staff lead for government-wide strategic sourcing efforts and related cost reduction initiatives. In his nearly 37-year career at OMB, Jack has initiated and/or coordinated government-wide reforms of the management of Federal real estate, travel, non-military aircraft, motor vehicles, personal property and mail service. His work also led to creation of GSA's Office of Government-wide Policy and Office of Citizen Services.

In 2004, Jack received a Federal 100 Award for developing interagency financing mechanisms to support the administration's E-Gov initiatives.

Kim M. Kirkland, EPA

Kim Kirkland currently serves as the methods team leader at the US EPA Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR), Materials Recovery and Waste Management Division. She has worked at EPA for over 24 years, recently completing the Update V methods package reviews, currently moving through the agency's internal approval process.

She’s currently working on Update VI to SW-846, and also provides support to the regions and states in the review of rules, guidance and method-related projects such as Arsenic Speciation, and a Hexavalent Chromium Holding Time Study. Prior to EPA, she worked as a lead chemist for the National Institutes of Health, Hittman Ebasco, and Versar Inc. to characterize hazardous and mixed waste.

Kim received her MS from the University of Maryland in Public Policy, and her BS in Biochemistry from Tennessee State University. She’s participated on several panels during meetings at the Waste Testing and Quality Assurance Symposium (WTOA), the RCRA National Meeting and the NEMC. She has received numerous scientific awards during her career, including the Superior Accomplishment Recognition Award for completing the Methods Innovation Rule (MIR) in 2005, the Florence Richardson Service to Others Award in 2006, the EPA Science Achievement Award for Chemistry in 2006 and a Bronze medal for her accomplishment on the FEM Monitoring Team in 2012.
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Bob London, London, Ink LLC

In pioneering the Virtual VP of Marketing concept, London Ink president and founder Bob London works with organizations that need senior marketing expertise and leadership, but aren’t ready for the cost and commitment of a full-time marketing executive. Typically clients work with Bob to assess market opportunity, determine strategic options and develop a practical go-to-market plan to improve revenue, market awareness, customer acquisition and retention. See more at www.londonink.com.

Bob is a 20+ year marketing veteran who has managed annual marketing budgets ranging from $25,000 to the $200 million network television launch of MCI Friends & Family. He also served as VP of Marketing for Digex, Incorporated, a national web hosting and management firm that grew 100% annually during his two-year tenure. His work and writing has been profiled or covered by the Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, Miami Herald, USA Today and Marketing News (the AMA's flagship magazine). Bob has recently presented at the GrowSmartBiz event, the National Association of Federal Credit Union's Annual Conference, the nationwide Unintentional Entrepreneur series, the Tech Wire Mid-Atlantic Marketing Summit and the Eloqua Road-to-Revenue Tour.

He also serves on the board of advisors for the Technology Marketing Alliance and National Capital, a mid-market investment bank.

Eamon Monahan, EPA

Eamon Monahan has worked at EPA for 6 years, the last 5 in the Office of Air and Radiation. As co-lead for program integrity for the ENERGY STAR products program, he developed and implemented the third-party certification procedures for ENERGY STAR products that became effective in January 2011. He oversees the product certification process and serves as the primary contact for EPA-recognized accreditation bodies, laboratories and certification bodies.

Byran O’Byrne, US Department of Commerce

Since joining the US Department of Commerce’s International Trade Administration in 2004, Byran O’Byrne has served on over 30 US delegations to the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva and related United Nations (UN) bodies, building coalitions in multilateral institutions and following up with in-country bilateral meetings in Beijing, New Delhi, Seoul, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Riyadh, Ankara, Brussels and Ottawa. He has participated in numerous WTO and US free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations, including the on-going Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations, and led US delegations to China, India and the Middle East, developing relationships and collaborating with foreign government regulators and trade officials, leading to the successful resolution of dozens of regulatory and standards-related trade barriers.

Byran previously served on the House Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee staff, and represented the US medical technology industry before the Government of Japan at AdvaMed (Tokyo). He earned a masters degree in international relations and European community law from University of Maryland, a masters in international economics and finance from Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan and his BA from Wheaton College.
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Mike Olson, ACIL

Currently consulting on FDA matters in the areas of laboratory operations, regulatory matters, food safety and import policy and operations, Michael Olson owns MCO Consultants.

He finished his 35 years with the US Food and Drug Administration as the Director, Division of Field Sciences and Chief Scientist for the Office of Regulatory Affairs, overseeing the operations of 13 field laboratories and three research centers, employing approximately 1,000 analysts. He provided headquarters oversight of all of the laboratories scientific, regulatory, program and management operations. During his 6-year tenure, the ORA regulatory laboratories developed a program to become accredited to ISO 17025 and completely revamped its laboratory policy and operations manual. Prior to this position he held numerous management positions in the foods, drugs and medical devices product centers.

Nicole Porter, US Small Business Administration

As the Assistant District Director for Economic Development with the US Small Business Administration (SBA), Nicole Porter directs Washington, DC area ongoing community marketing and outreach to advance the services and programs available within the SBA.

Before joining the SBA, Nicole worked in the financial industry, driving operational strategy among global prime brokerage teams, and as a senior international transportation specialist at the US Department of Transportation (DOT), working to promote better global transportation efficiency. In this capacity, she supported exchanges with the People's Republic of China through extensive involvement with the creation of the US-China Transportation Forum (TF). While at the DOT, Ms. Porter spearheaded an interagency initiative with the US Department of Commerce to level the playing field for the broad spectrum of US businesses seeking to export transport-related goods and services.

Nicole began her professional career as a 2003 Presidential Management Fellow, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Houston and a Juris Doctorate from Texas Southern University.

David Pritzker, Administrative Conference of the US

Deputy General Counsel of the Administrative Conference of the US, David M. Pritzker returned to the Conference early in 2010 to assist the chairman in re-establishing the agency and has acted as consultant and adviser to numerous government agencies on administrative law, procedure and regulatory issues. For over a decade, much of his work at the Conference focused on the theory and practice of negotiated rulemaking and other alternative means of dispute resolution (ADR). He worked on drafting the Administrative Conference's negotiated rulemaking recommendations and both the Negotiated Rulemaking Act and the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act.

Prior to David's return to the Conference, he was a senior attorney at the General Services Administration's Office of Government-wide Policy, where he worked principally on regulatory issues, capital planning and development of regulatory information systems, quality control and performance measurement. He earned his law degree from Cornell University, a Master's degree in mathematics from Brandeis and a BA from Yale.
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Michael Rafalowski, Federal Highway Administration

A materials engineer at the Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA) Office of Technology, Michael Rafalowski is responsible for materials quality assurance, including 23 CFR 637 quality assurance procedures for construction; technician qualifications; laboratory qualifications, including accreditation and materials, and quality assurance related training.

His major projects include quality assurance stewardship reviews, development of specification development software, materials-related training and representing FHWA at the National Cooperation for Laboratory Accreditation (NACLA), including serving on the Operations Council and chairing the Recognition Committee.

Mike earned his MS in Civil Engineering from George Washington University in 1987 and his BS in Civil Engineering from Penn State in 1976, and is a registered Professional Engineer in Illinois. Chair of the Joint Sealant Project Panel of the National Transportation Product Evaluation Program, Mike belongs to ASTM and the Asphalt and Asphalt Mixtures Section of the American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials Subcommittee.

Ramona Saar, NIST

As the Program Manager for the NIST Telecommunications Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA) program, Ramona Saar oversees the US Designating Authority responsibilities for multiple EMC and Telecom MRAs, including those with APEC, the EU, Japan, Mexico and Israel. She has been working in the field of conformity assessment for more than 20 years.

George Tannahill, FCC

An engineer at the FCC Office of Engineering and Technology Laboratory, George Tannahill’s responsibilities include serving as technical expert on the Equipment Authorization Electronic Filing System (EAS) and Mutual Recognition Agreements for conformity assessment.
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Robert F. Uttenweiler, NACLA

Robert F. (Bob) Uttenweiler currently serves as the Executive Officer of the National Cooperation for Laboratory Accreditation (NACLA), using his 25 years experience in association management and over 30 years in both not-for-profit and for-profit management. During his time in association work, he worked extensively in the areas of government affairs, professional education and finance. The former Executive Director of the Greater Washington Society of CPAs, Washington, DC, he also worked as station manager for three university FM radio stations and taught at Temple University in Radio-Television-Film.

Bob holds a Master’s in Speech from Indiana State University and a Bachelors in Earth Science from Northern Illinois University.

Joe Wereszynski, Department of Commerce

Joe Wereszynski currently serves as an International Trade Specialist at the US Department of Commerce (DOC), Office of Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia. Since joining the US DOC in 2008, Joe has specialized in the application of WTO trade agreements to improve market access for US industry globally, served as a trade agreement specialist with the DOC’s Trade Compliance Center and as the country desk officer for the Nordic and Baltic region.

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