

Memorandum of Understanding
November, 6 2006

The NELAC
Institute (TNI)

and

American Association for
Laboratory Accreditation
(A2LA)

Whereas, The NELAC Institute (TNI) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to foster the generation of environmental data of known and documented quality through an open, inclusive and transparent process that is responsive to the needs of the community, and,

Whereas, A2LA is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, non-governmental, public service, membership society that among other accreditation programs accredits organizations that manage proficiency test (PT) programs, and,

Whereas, TNI has agreed to assume the functions previously performed by NELAC (to include the PT Board), and,

Whereas, A2LA is recognized by the NELAC PT Board as a Proficiency Test Oversight Body/ Proficiency Test Provider Accreditor (PTOB/PTPA),

Therefore be it resolved

TNI will move as quickly as possible to transition the NELAC PT Board into TNI, and

A2LA will continue to function as a PTOB for the NELAC PT Board, and

After TNI assumes the operation of the NELAC PT Board, TNI and A2LA will enter into good faith negotiations for A2LA to become a PTOB/PTPA for TNI.

Ratified this 6th Day of November by:

The NELAC Institute

Jerry Parr

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