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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The American Association for Laboratory Accreditation is proud to announce the launch of a Pilot Program in the area of Forensic Examination.

The A2LA Pilot Program is being offered in the area of Crime Scene Analysis and will consist of waived assessment fees, full on-site assessment and accreditation to ISO/IEC 17020 and an opportunity for participating organizations to contribute to the enhancement of the A2LA ISO/IEC 17020 forensic examination accreditation program.

The A2LA Crime Scene Pilot Program is being offered to those organizations performing on-site evaluations of scenes of incident to include criminal activity, structural failures (forensic engineering), and environmental/ecological hazards.

A2LA will begin accepting applications for the Pilot Program on May 1, 2012. All applications received between May 1, 2012 and May 15, 2012 will be reviewed and the first three applicants to meet all program application requirements will be selected. For those first three facilities to apply and submit all required documentation, all initial assessment expenses (assessor time and travel expenses) will be waived.

For additional information regarding the program or to apply for consideration, please visit the A2LA Pilot Program page at <http://www.a2la.org/appsweb/pilot.cfm> or contact Karin Athanas at 301 644 3236 or kathanas@A2LA.org.

ABOUT A2LA:

A2LA is a nonprofit, non-governmental, public service, membership society, whose stated mission is *“provide world-class accreditation and training services for testing and calibration laboratories, inspection bodies, proficiency testing providers, reference material producers and product certifiers. These and other future services should create stakeholder confidence in the quality, competence and integrity of all A2LA-accredited organizations and in their products and services.”*

A2LA continually strives to further strengthen and improve its programs through membership participation, customer outreach, and contributions from its technical advisory committees.

Through the development and use of Pilot Programs, A2LA hopes to further enhance our accreditation options and offer our customers the best possible service and accreditation.