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## CALA – NRC CLAS Calibration Program Partnership

Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation (CALA) and the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) have signed a partnership agreement for accreditation of calibration laboratories to ISO/IEC 17025 General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories through the NRC's Calibration Laboratory Assessment Service (CLAS) program.

[Ottawa] – CALA is pleased to announce the launch of its ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation program for calibration laboratories in collaboration with NRC CLAS.

This new program brings together CALA's experience and reputation as a recognized accreditation body and the calibration expertise of NRC CLAS. This initiative provides an additional Canadian accreditation body to support the needs of calibration laboratories while also promoting excellence in calibration services provided by the CLAS program. Calibration laboratories will undergo a rigorous assessment by qualified experts, examining their competence, proficiency, and adherence to best practices as outlined in the CLAS program leading to accreditation by CALA.

By achieving accreditation through CALA, calibration laboratories demonstrate their commitment to delivering accurate and reliable measurement results, instilling confidence in their clients and stakeholders. Accreditation also facilitates international recognition and acceptance of calibration certificates, fostering global harmonization and trade facilitation.

CALA's Calibration Accreditation Program aligns with its mission to promote quality and excellence in various fields of testing and calibration. Benefits to calibration laboratories include:

- **Enhanced Credibility:** Accreditation signifies that a calibration laboratory meets rigorous international standards, assuring clients and regulators of its competence and reliability.
- **Expanded Market Opportunities:** Accredited laboratories gain a competitive advantage by differentiating themselves in the marketplace, attracting more clients and expanding their business potential.
- **Compliance with Regulatory Requirements:** Accreditation provides assurance that calibration laboratories comply with applicable regulations and industry-specific standards.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Accreditation encourages laboratories to implement robust quality management systems, promoting ongoing improvement in their calibration processes.



To ensure transparency and maintain public trust, CALA will list the accredited calibration laboratories on their website. This enables organizations and individuals seeking calibration services to identify accredited providers easily.

CALA invites calibration laboratories to join the program and embark on a journey of excellence, accuracy, and industry recognition. Accreditation applications and further information can be obtained by contacting CALA directly or visiting our website.

#### About Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation (CALA)

CALA is an internationally recognized leader in providing the highest-quality accreditation of laboratories. Our commitment to objectivity and data integrity gives CALA-accredited laboratories lower risk and competitive advantage by ensuring that their customers receive data that can be trusted. We provide a unique combination of rigour, deep expertise and exceptional customer service that leads the way in ensuring that CALA-accredited laboratories are among the best in the world. All CALA services are designed and delivered to inspire excellence in laboratories; to promote a better understanding of laboratory test results by laboratory clients; and to earn the confidence of Regulators.

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