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## ACLASS SIGNS THE IAAC MULTI-LATERAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT (MLA)

Arlington, VA - ACLASS, a Washington D.C. metro area based company, recently attended the $11^{\text {th }}$ Annual General Assembly in Buenos Aires, Argentina and signed the Inter-American Accreditation Cooperation (IAAC) Multi-Lateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) on August 11, 2006 for both calibration and testing. The IAAC is an association of accreditation bodies in the Americas and other organizations interested in conformity assessment. IAAC seeks to promote international and regional acceptance of accreditation granted by its members and to establish a region wide mutual recognition arrangement among its members.

IAAC members are bodies that accredit testing laboratories, calibration laboratories, inspection bodies, and certification/registration bodies, as well as other types of organizations involved in standards and conformity assessment. To date, IAAC has 22 full members, 7 associate members, and 11 stakeholder members from 22 countries of the Americas.

Signatories to the IAAC Multi-Lateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) include: OAA (Argentina); Cgcre/INMETRO (Brazil); SCC (Canada); ECA (Costa Rica); ONARC (Cuba); EMA (Mexico); INDECOPI-CRT (Peru); ACLASS (USA); A2LA (USA); ANAB (USA).
"We, as an organization, worked very hard over several years to become a signatory to the IAAC MLA," said Keith Greenaway, ACLASS' President, "The dedication of the entire ACLASS team is to be commended."

ACLASS is headquartered in the Washington, DC metro area and is an accreditation body for the ISO/IEC 17025 standard dedicated to providing quality and reliable accreditation services.

For more information on ACLASS please visit the web site at www.aclasscorp.com.

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