PJLA Update Notification

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Form/Procedure/Policy: Policy on Proficiency Testing Requirements-PL-1
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Attention All Applicant and Accredited Organizations:

PJLA has recently updated our Policy on Proficiency Testing Requirements (PL-1). Please download and closely review these changes from the PJLA website at www.pjlabs.com , as they will be assessed at your next assessment or by the effective date as specified below.

Summary of Changes:

Effective Date: October 1, 2015

- ➢ Sections 2.1 & 3.1 added the following: "In cases where organizations need to support claims of stated CMCs and/or uncertainties, additional proficiency tests may be required"

- ➢ Section 3.2 added the following: "…develop a 4 year PT plan using the PJLA template PT Plan Form (LF-81) or equivalent document prior to initial assessments. This plan will be reviewed by the assessment team during the on-site visit for compliance to this policy. Any deviations from the mandatory requirements as outlined in this policy shall be submitted to headquarters for approval. Headquarters will notify the assessment team and the client of any such approvals for deviations to this policy removed the PJLA HQ will approve plans" *Note- PJLA has removed the requirement for PT plans to be approved by Headquarters when Third Party proficiency testing or Inter Laboratory comparisons are used at all times. We will only be requiring headquarter approval when other means are utilized.*

- ➢ Section 6.2- clarity given when 3rd party/inter lab are not used, the appropriate course of action needed by the applicant/accredited laboratory

- ➢ Section 4.1-clarity given on instruction when accredited vs non accredited laboratories are utilized for proficiency testing and utilization of the PJLA form LF-123. *Please note this form can be located on the PJLA website under the PJLA resource/document section.*

If you have any questions about these changes, please feel free to contact PJLA at any time.

Thank you.