



# Heads Up

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To: ANAB-Accredited and Applicant CBs and Accreditation Assessors

From: Randy Dougherty, Vice President

Re: Opportunity for CBs to Work with ANAB and ECCB to Prototype Accreditation to Certify to IECQ HSPM

The Electronic Components Certification Board (ECCB) and ANAB have agreed to partner to develop a program for accredited certification to IECQ HSPM (see attached announcement). It is proposed that ANAB take over from ECCB oversight of CBs as a new accreditation activity for ANAB in partnership with ECCB.

Ten CBs are already in the program provided by ECCB and ECCB will continue its oversight of these CBs for 2009. It is envisioned that ANAB will provide oversight beginning in 2010.

ECCB and ANAB have agreed to provide the opportunity for other CBs to participate in the program. ANAB will work with the CBs that apply to prototype the program. Therefore, any CBs not currently working with the ECCB for IECQ HSPM may apply to ANAB for this program for a reduced application of \$3,000. (The normal application fee is \$5,000.) To apply, simply tell me you are applying (Randy Dougherty, [rdougherty@anab.org](mailto:rdougherty@anab.org)) and submit payment of \$3,000 prior to February 27, 2009. If ANAB does not receive payment by 3:00pm CST by February 27, you will not be included in the prototyping program.

CBs that apply and are accepted into the prototyping program will be invited to participate in ECCB meetings to be held March 10-12, 2009, in Washington, DC.

- On March 10-11, the meetings will be held at the TIA Building, 2500 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22201-3834.
- The March 12 meeting will be held at The Boeing Company; the address is not yet available.
- ECCB has reserved a block of rooms for March 9-13 at the Comfort Inn Pentagon, 2480 South Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22206, phone 703-682-5500. Refer to the group code **ECCB** to receive the discounted rate of \$139/night. The cutoff date for the group discount is February 9. A shuttle is available from Reagan National Airport to hotel. A complimentary continental breakfast is available.



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### **ECCB and ANAB Announce Joint Program to Control Hazardous Substances in Manufacturing**

**Milwaukee** – The Electronic Components Certification Board (ECCB) and the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board/ANAB will partner to develop a program for accredited certification to ensure that manufacturers have effective processes for controlling the hazardous materials in their products. The program will be based on the IEC Quality Assessment System IECQQC 080000 as implemented by QC 001002-5, resulting in IECQ certificates that also bear the ANAB accreditation mark.

“ANAB is pleased to be involved with ECCB to enhance protections for consumers in the retail marketplace,” Randy Dougherty, ANAB Vice President, said.

Under the program, an ANAB-accredited certification body will be qualified to evaluate a supplier’s hazardous substances process management system (HSPM) and grant facility approval for the products concerned.

Consumers and retailers will be able to seek out goods bearing the accredited certification mark for IECQ-HSPM as an assurance of manufacturing processes free of hazardous substances.

“By cooperating with ANAB to accredit CBs to the IECQ standard, ECCB is taking a path to expand its reach in a way that’s more efficient and cost effective for those we serve,” Stanley Salot Jr., President of the Electronics Components Certification Board, said.

IECQ developed the international IECQ Specification QC 080000, which takes the basic quality management system requirements of ISO 9001 and provides a specific focus for the legislative and customer requirements for the management of hazardous substances. ECCB is the U.S.-National Authorized Institute for IECQ.

Approximately 1,500 companies worldwide already hold certification to the IECQ standard. Development of a joint ECCB-ANAB program provides an opportunity for certification bodies to expand their scope of services by offering accredited certification for IECQ.

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**The Electronic Components Certification Board (ECCB)** is the U.S.-National Authorized Institute for the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components. This assessment system is the only comprehensive, worldwide approval and certification program that assesses electronic components to quality requirements. It has been operating since 1982.

For more information about ECCB, visit [www.eccb.org](http://www.eccb.org).

**The ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board** provides accreditation services under the ACLASS and ANAB brands.

Under the **ANAB** brand, the organization is the U.S. accreditation body for management systems and accredits certification bodies for ISO 9001 quality management systems; ISO 14001 environmental management systems; ISO 22000 food safety management systems; ISO 28000 supply chain security management systems; ISO/IEC 20000-1 information technology service management systems; ISO 27001 information security management systems; ANSI/AIHA Z10, CSA Z1000, and BS OHSAS 18001 occupational health and safety management systems, and numerous industry-specific requirements.

Under the **ACLASS** brand, the organization accredits ISO/IEC 17025 testing and calibration laboratories, ISO/IEC 17020 inspection bodies, and ISO Guide 34 reference material producers.

The ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board is a member of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), and is a signatory of the ILAC and IAF multilateral recognition arrangements. Through these arrangements, the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board cooperates with other accreditation bodies around the world to provide value to the organization it has accredited and their clients, ensuring that accredited certificates are recognized nationally and internationally. The global conformity assessment system ensures confidence and reduces risk for customers engaging in trade worldwide.

For more information about ANAB, visit [www.anab.org](http://www.anab.org).

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