



Seeking Technical Experts:

Electrical failures? Household accidents? The science of forensic investigation and testing has branched into everyday commercial life and the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) is there to meet it. In the wake of the 2009 release of the National Academy of Sciences Report “Strengthening Forensic Science,” the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) has been working to develop an accreditation program to meet the needs of the manufacturing and commercial testing industry. Current and new customers seeking accreditation in a forensic discipline will be assessed for compliance to ISO/IEC 17025, for testing laboratories, and ISO/IEC 17020, for inspection bodies, and to the applicable A2LA specific requirements for forensic testing and/or inspection. In preparation for the June 2010 launch of our program A2LA is seeking experienced forensic specialists to sit on our Accreditation Council and our Forensic Examination Advisory Committee (FEAC) and offer advice, feedback, and guidance to the forensic program. In addition, we are currently seeking individuals to act as contracted assessors for the program who are intimately familiar with standard forensic evidence collection, handing, preparation, and processing procedures. Compensation includes a daily rate plus travel expenses. Travel is estimated at 2 to 4 days for each assessment, the number of trips being at the assessor’s discretion. Applicants should have 10+ years experience performing forensic examinations (testing or crime scene inspection) and have a willingness to learn about new types of testing and quality assessment practices. Interested parties can submit a letter of interest and current resume by mail, email or fax to the below address. For more information on the program please call the program contact person Karin Athanas at (301) 644-3236 or kathanas@a2la.org.

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