

TestAmerica Seattle/Tacoma Combined Facility

In May 2009, TestAmerica announced that it will be combining its Seattle and Tacoma laboratories into a single larger lab organization to be located in our existing Tacoma facility. The consolidated facility will offer a better package of services to meet our clients' needs.

- TestAmerica will remain the premier provider of laboratory services in the Seattle/Tacoma area.
- The combined operation will include the Fast Turnaround Time model that has been successfully implemented at the Seattle (Bothell) lab.
- The combination of the operations will offer expanded shift coverage and thus provide even more reliable fast turnaround time performance.
- We are maintaining capability for the tests and programs our customers require including the extensive Sediments and Department of Defense services historically offered at the Tacoma facility.
- The expanded facility will provide enhanced courier coverage so that there will be no change in convenience getting your samples to the laboratory.

The plan is to conduct a seamless transition over the next 2 months following the general timeline below:

- May – Employee and Customer Communication
- May – Customer and Operational Transition Planning
- May/June – Staged Transition to Merge Operations in Tacoma

In an effort to keep informed those interested in the transition, we will post weekly updates in this web page. If anyone desires clarification or additional information beyond the web page updates, please contact Kathy Kreps or Heather Bean Prater at 253-922-2310.

Update 06/1/09 --- Activities Completed

- Employee and Customer Communication
- Customer and Operation Transition Planning
- Selected Instruments moved and Installed
- Identified Needed Methods created in LIMS
- Selected non-analytical equipment and furniture moved
- Certification information submitted to state to ensure continuity
- Training users in LIMS use
- Clients and Contacts added to LIMS

Update 06/08/09 --- Activities Completed

- Facility electrical improvements approved
- Practice data system set up for training Chromatography package and LIMS
- Additional Lab Coats purchased

- eMail addresses migrated to new domain
- PM training on TALS started
- Additional instruments moved/installed
- Methods needed built in LIMS (90% complete)

Update 06/15/09 --- Activities Completed

- Completed PM Training for TALS; started Chromatography system training
- Cross training of Login Staff initiated for LIMS
- Safety training 75% complete for new staff
- License transfer for ECDs, additional instrument moves
- Methods built in LIMS 100% complete; review/approval in progress
- Instruments relocated were installed
- Level IV deliverables process in TALS reviewed – client needs will be met

Update 06/22/09 --- Activities Completed

- Additional 4 VOA instruments moved – 3 GCMS and 1 GC
- Employees (4) transferred to Tacoma location
- Three contracts issued for build outs to facility to accommodate expansion (Air systems, Fume hood installation and Login Expansion)
- List of LIMS Experts generated and virtual LIMS support process initiated to assist new users of LIMS
- Continued training on Chromatography and LIMS systems

Update 06/29/09 --- Activities Completed

- **THE MOVE IS COMPLETE!** All instruments and people are relocated to the combined facility. We are one as of 7/1/09!
- LIMS and Chromatography system training completed for additional analysts and continues for others
- The last of the moved instruments are in the process of being installed and will be finalized next week
- Remote and Onsite support starts this week for the various data management systems and will continue for several weeks

Effective July 1, 2009, lab operations have been combined to the Seattle/Tacoma laboratory location:

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