

NTS Silicon Valley Achieves Verizon ITL Program Approval

Seventh NTS Laboratory Approved to Conduct NEBS Telecommunications Testing

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National Technical Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq: NTSC) (NTS), a leading provider of engineering services, is pleased to announce the approval of its Newark, CA laboratory as a Verizon Independent Testing Laboratory (ITL) for NEBS testing to the GR-63 CORE standard. This development comes after an extensive preparation for the approval process and follows the recent A2LA accreditation of the Newark facility.

As a Verizon recognized Independent Test Laboratory (ITL) under Verizon's NEBS Testing Certification Program, NTS Silicon Valley is certified to conduct NEBS testing to various sections of the GR-63 CORE standard on telecommunications equipment to be sold for use in Verizon's high-I.Q. network. The scope of testing in Newark, CA currently includes Sections 4.1 - Temperature, Humidity and Altitude Criteria; 4.3 - Equipment Handling Criteria; 4.4.4 - Office Vibration Equipment and Criteria; 4.4.5 - Transportation Vibration Criteria; 4.6 - Acoustic Noise; and 4.7 - Illumination with the remaining GR-63 scope of tests to be added later this year. NTS Silicon Valley's Fremont, CA location is currently equipped to perform testing in accordance with the latest revisions of GR-1089-CORE as well as other industry and government standards.

The NEBS-related services that NTS Silicon Valley is approved to provide to Verizon manufacturers include the development of test plans, conducting of tests and reporting of product compliance with applicable standards. Under Verizon's NEBS-TCP program, telecommunications equipment manufacturers are required to select approved ITLs, such as NTS for the testing of their products. NEBS is a set of standards designed to ensure the performance, safety and regulatory compliance of telecommunications equipment subjected to earthquake, fire, corrosive environments, thermal, EMC and other damaging environments. Verizon established its approved ITL program to recognize independent laboratories that have met its quality standards for NEBS testing.

"The completion of the Verizon ITL assessment program in the Newark facility underscores our Company's commitment to providing the highest quality testing and engineering services for clients with Verizon NEBS requirements," said Gaylon Morris, General Manager, NTS Silicon Valley/Elliott Laboratories. "Here in Silicon Valley, we are surrounded by numerous telecommunications equipment manufacturers and our Verizon ITL status now allows us to serve their complete range of testing needs."

With the approval of the NTS Silicon Valley laboratory, NTS has seven laboratories approved for the Verizon ITL program, including two international locations. NTS's other Verizon-approved ITL laboratories are located in: Boxborough, MA; Tinton Falls, NJ; Plano, TX; Fullerton, CA; Calgary, Canada; and Munich, Germany. The Silicon Valley / Elliott Laboratories division of NTS has facilities in Fremont and Newark, CA.

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