

## **Approved Proficiency Test Providers**

**“Approved proficiency testing provider” means an external proficiency test provider who has been approved by the Department as set forth in COMAR 10.51.04.03.**

### ***.03 Proficiency Testing Provider Approval.***

- A. Approval Required. A private, nonprofit, or commercial organization or government agency may not provide a proficiency test in this State for use forensic laboratory without first obtaining proficiency testing approval from the Department.*
- B. Approval Granted by the Secretary. The Department may approve a proficiency testing provider for a forensic science discipline or subdiscipline, if the proficiency testing provider:*
  - (1) Provide reliable, documented evidence to the Department that the proficiency test is technically and administratively able to meet the applicable requirements of this chapter; and*
  - (2) Submits directly to the Department evaluations of all proficiency tests results from each laboratory that holds a Maryland forensic laboratory permit.*

#### **1) Bode Cellmark Forensics (IQAS Proficiency Tests)**

**10430 Furnace Road, Suite 107, Lorton, VA 22079**

**Phone: 1-866-263-3443 / Fax: 703-646-9741**

**Email: IQAS@labcorp.com**

**Approved Tests:**

**Biology (body fluid identification and DNA)**

#### **(2) Collaborative Testing Services, Inc. (CTS)**

**21331 Gentry Drive, Sterling, VA 20166**

**Phone: (571) 434-1925 / Fax: (571) 434-1937**

**Email: info@cts-interlab.com**

**Approved Tests:**

**Crime Scene**

**Drug Analysis**

**Firearms & Toolmarks**

**Forensic Biology/DNA**

**Latent Prints & Impressions**

**Questioned Documents**

**Toxicology**

**(3) College of American Pathologists (CAP)**

**325 Waukegan Rd, Northfield, IL 60093-2750**

**Phone: (800) 323-4040 / Fax: (847) 832-8166**

**Email: [contactcenter@cap.org](mailto:contactcenter@cap.org)**

Approved Tests:

DNA (DNA, DNAF, FID, and FIDM)

Toxicology (FTC - forensic toxicology criminalistics)

Whole blood volatiles (AL1 - blood alcohol)

**(4) Forensic Assurance**

**P.O. Box 231**

**Northville, MI 48167**

**Phone: (248) 773-5114**

**Email: [info@forensicassurance.com](mailto:info@forensicassurance.com)**

Approved Tests:

Firearms

Toolmark

Latent Print Comparison

Biology (body fluid identification and DNA)

**(5) Forensic Testing Services (FTS)**

**1099 W. Grand River Avenue, P.O. Box 514, Williamston, MI 48895**

**Phone: (517) 202-5971 / Fax: (517) 579-4847**

**Email: [info@forensic-testing.net](mailto:info@forensic-testing.net)**

Approved Tests:

Tape (Duct, Electrical, Etc.)

Bulb Examination for On/Off

Microscopic Examination/Comparison of Hair

Hair Screening

Hair Comparison

Microscopic Evaluation of Hair

Chemical Unknown/Adulterated Beverage

Gunshot Residue (swab and stub)

Low Order Explosives

**(6) Ron Smith and Associates**

**P.O. Box 670 Collinsville, MS 39325**

**Phone: 1-866-832-6772**

**Fax: 601-626-1122**

**Email: [testing@ronsmithandassociates.com](mailto:testing@ronsmithandassociates.com)**

Approved Tests:

Latent Prints

**(7) Serological Research Institute (SERI)**

**3053 Research Drive, Richmond, CA 94806**

**Phone: (510) 223-7374 / Fax: (510) 222-8887**

**Email: [serimain@serological.com](mailto:serimain@serological.com)**

Approved Tests:

DNA and Serology