



**NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LOTTERY COMMISSION**

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RE: North Carolina State Lottery Commission to Begin Approving Independent Testing Laboratories in Early January 2024

DATE: December 19, 2023

TO: Qualified Independent Testing Laboratories, interested parties

FROM: Sterl Carpenter, Deputy Executive Director Gaming Compliance and Sports Betting

Independent Testing Laboratories play an important role in ensuring the integrity and security of sports wagering. They conduct testing and certify regulated actors' software, change management processes, equipment, services, and the like. Today, staff for the North Carolina State Lottery Commission invite independent testing laboratories to submit their written request to be approved by the Commission to conduct such activities in North Carolina.

As outlined in Commission Rule 1A-001(22), to conduct work on behalf of a North Carolina sports betting or ADW licensee an Independent Testing Laboratory must be approved by the Commission and:

- (a) hold an active accreditation in accordance with:
 - (i) ISO/IEC 17020, ISO/IEC 17025, and ISO/IEC 17065 by an accreditation body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Agreement; or
 - (ii) other active accreditation satisfactory to the Commission from a recognized accrediting body; and
- (b) have a reputation for honesty, independence, competence, and timeliness that is demonstrably competent and which is qualified to scientifically test and to evaluate gaming equipment for compliance with the Act, state and federal law, applicable case law, and [the North Carolina State Lottery Commission Rules Manual For Sports Wagering and Pari-Mutuel Wagering].

To facilitate the implementation of sports betting in North Carolina, staff anticipate recommending that the Commission approve certain Independent Test Laboratories beginning in early January 2024.

Entities that wish to be eligible for consideration must direct written materials to GamingCompliance@ncgaming.gov, outlining and substantiating their qualifications, as set forth above. To be among the first group of entities considered for approval, please submit materials as soon as possible or, in any event, on or before January 2, 2024.

Please contact GamingCompliance@ncgaming.gov with any questions you may have.