SNIA Emerald™
Recognized Tester Program Overview

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Recognized Tester Program (RTP)

- Recognize organizations that have demonstrated proficiency in performing testing in accordance with the SNIA Emerald Specification
  - Testing service vendors
  - Independent labs
  - Manufacturers’ in-house test teams
- Planned for Q3 2014 availability
- Leverage SNIA Emerald™ training
- Build global ecosystem of quality testers
- Nominal Fee to enroll; awarded Certificate; SNIA Emerald Program website listing
Recognized Tester Program
Web URLs

❖ Overview - http://www.snia.org/emerald/rtp-overview
  ❖ Program Description
  ❖ FAQ
❖ Application - http://www.snia.org/emerald/rtp-application
  ❖ Application and Agreement
❖ Testers - http://www.snia.org/emerald/rtp-testers
  ❖ List of Recognized Testers and Audited Taxonomy Categories
  ❖ Site specific
    ➢ Acme Labs, www.acmelabsinc.com, Online 2,3,4
      123 JFK Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 98456, USA
Recognized Tester Program
Process Steps 1-3, First Time Applicant

Interest
- Interested Lab Initiates Interest
- SNIA Overview of Audit and Expectations

PreVisit
- Application Agreement, Invoice
- Pre-visit Audit Checklist and Concall

Onsite
- Onsite Audit Visit
- Audit Report
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Process Steps 4-6, First Time Applicant

Review
• Audit Report Review by RTP Committee
• Determination if Remediation Steps Required

*Review
• If required, Remediation Letter
• If required, Lab Remediation Report/Review

Award
• Award SNIA Recognized Tester Response
Program Overview
A few details, also a WIP

❖ Estimated time to complete Steps 1-6
  ❖ 2-5 months based on application, payment, site readiness, and if remediation is required

❖ Program Fee
  ❖ >$5K USD, but <$10K USD

❖ Reduced effort audit
  ❖ Expanded taxonomy
  ❖ Renewal; time-based; specification revision-based

❖ Interest and value proposition; program variations
  ❖ Manufacturers test lab/team
  ❖ Subject matter experts without a lab
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Confidentiality
- Observations, materials and data collected
- Audit report
- Remediation

Promotion and Communication
- SNIA Emerald Newsletter/Bulletin
- Webinar
- Outreach to storage industry yet to engage
Timeline

- Program announcement
  - Soft launch today
  - Industry at large – Mid-September 2014

- Currently working through program pilot with one applicant, building out and validating program processes
Questions ?