TL 9000 Informational Alert

1. Originating Workgroup:	2. Alert Number:
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3. Documentation Affected:	4. Issue Date:
TL 9000 Auditor Time	08 January, 2010

5. Reason for Alert:

To announce the publication of a revision to the TL 9000 Auditor Time document which includes the Auditor Time Chart. The new document is R4.0

6. Description:

The Auditor Time document has been updated to provide better alignment with the IAF Mandatory Documents (MD-1 and MD-5) that have replaced Guidance 62 along with other changes. These changes include:

To the TL 9000 Auditor Time Chart:

- "Number of Employees" re-grouped to better align with "Effective number of Personnel" within IAF MD5 page 12.
- Auditor days adjusted +0.5 days in groupings greater than 25 employees for Initial certification and re-certification.
- Miscellaneous reference to all other notes removed.

To the TL Auditor Time document:
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- Removed obsolete references to Guidance 62 and replace with IAF-MD5-2009-QMS-EMS Audit Duration in notes 2, 4, 10, 11.1, and 11.5.
- Added reference in Note 3 to the Code of Practice for TL 9000 Registrars.
- Added definition of "campus" as new Note 8
- Updated all references to the appropriate IAF MD document
- Aligned terminology to IAF MD documents
- Removed maximum deviation of -20% and deviation request process to align with ISO 17021 requirement for a documented process and IAF-MD5.
- Updated Note 11 to require determination of linkages, revised TL 9000 additive and reduction factors, and for the AB to review the CB reduction process during each AB audit of the CB.

The new document is available on the TL 9000 web site at
http://tl9000.org/abcb/documents/TL_9000_Auditor_Time_R4.pdf

7. Comments:

The mandatory effective date of the new chart is November 15, 2010. The minimum time for all audits conducted on or after that date shall use the R4.0 document. With agreement between the CB and the organization, the new document may be used immediately.