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ILC/PT'S – ONLY AVAILABLE AT REGIONAL EVENTS

NAPT is in the final planning stage for the ILC/PTs at 5 different locations. Those sites are located in Ontario, Kentucky, North Carolina, New York, and Michigan. We are anticipating these events will occur during October and/or November. In order to finalize the regional ILC/PT we need to hear from all interested labs as soon as possible. For these regionals to become confirmed we need to ensure value for participation is obtained by all participants. Only with an appropriate number of participants, can these regionals be conducted and successful.

NAPT is the only administrator of Proficiency Testing that provides the opportunity to participate in these proficiency tests through regional events. NAPT's goal is to provide its' participants with in-depth meaningful reports, therefore a meaningful level of participation is required for a regional event to come together. It is our recommendation that calibration labs take advantage of this opportunity to participate, as we are not sure when it will present itself again.

The ILC that will be offered are:

- Analytical Scale
- Bench Scale
- Calibration of a CMM
- Optical Comparator
- Hardness Test
- Surface Plate
- Height Gage

These ILC/PTs cannot be shipped to a laboratory.

The cost for PT participation in these regional ILCs can be as low as \$153 per test. NAPT offers membership package pricing which reduces the price of each test as the purchased number of tests increase. We are also offering an **additional 10%** discount for those who sign up **by August 4th**. Requests to participate must be made by **August 18th** at which time confirmation for each event location will be determined.

The following proposed schedule will be in place if the minimum participation requirements are met:

Michigan	-	1 st week of October
Mississauga, Ontario	-	2 nd week of October
Edgewood, NY	-	3 rd week of October
Huntersville, NC	-	4 th week of October
Louisville, KY	-	5 th week of October



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If the response is not meaningful enough for any given location, that particular regional event will not take place and dates for the remaining events may shift. The opportunity for regional events in these areas may not occur for another 1 ½ to 2 years, therefore, we urge you to verify that your PT requirements have been met.

We would also like to encourage the accreditation bodies to share this information with their accredited labs, as the opportunity to fulfill their requirements is limited. Besides possibly performing an internal ILC, this is the only means for those labs to comply with your proficiency testing requirements.

Please contact your accreditation body regarding your accreditation requirements should you have any questions about your proficient testing requirements.

If you have an interest in participating in a Regional Event, or need more information, please contact Judy by e-mail at judy@proficiency.org, by fax at 305-425-5728, or by phone 763-525-1488.

TRUTH ABOUT COSTS TO PARTICIPANT

It has come to our attention that there is a bit of misinformation in the test & measurement community about participant costs. NAPT would like to take this opportunity to share with you the truth about costs and participation. First and foremost, when it comes to your participation costs, it is NAPT's goal to give you the lowest possible fee while providing you with the best possible ILC.

We understand the published price list can be misleading, we –the full time staffers- have asked the Board of Directors to edit it so it is more intuitive to all. Unfortunately, you have to read the fine print to see that enrollment in an ILC can be as low \$250. We work with laboratories to design a PT plan that not only ensures that organization meets their proficiency testing requirements but gets them best possible price on enrollment fees. Through this cooperation we are able to meet the needs of our members and offer the absolute lowest price on enrollment fees of any provider.

We challenge you to compare the true cost of participation, the services, the number of ILC/PTs offered, the hidden fees others charge, the quality of the reports NAPT issues to our participants, the technical analysis performed on each ILC, the time, skill and effort that NAPT puts into each and every ILC/PT we sponsor. You will discover why NAPT is not only the leader in providing ILCs to the test & measurement community but why other ILC providers continue to copy our programs. NAPT has been providing ILCs to the community for ten years now. Each day we work with you to plan new ILCs and we will be here when you need us.

We encourage each laboratory to compare the real cost of participation and we also guarantee you will be satisfied with the services you receive from NAPT.

Please give a call and talk to one of our full time staffers. We would love the opportunity to not only discuss the ILCs we offer but address your individual needs.

Respectively submitted on behalf of NAPT



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