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URINE INSTRUMENTED INITIAL TEST FACILITY (IITF) APPLICATION FORM



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NATIONAL LABORATORY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM URINE IITF APPLICATION FORM

A. Applicant IITF

1. Name of IITF: _____
Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____
Telephone: (____) ____ - _____ FAX: (____) ____ - _____
e-Mail: _____
2. Express delivery address (*if different from above*)
Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____
3. Designated Responsible Technician (RT): _____
Title/Position: _____
Telephone: (____) ____ - _____ Ext. _____
e-Mail: _____

If applicable:

- Designated Alternate RT (Alt-RT): _____
Title/Position: _____
Telephone: (____) ____ - _____ Ext. _____
e-Mail: _____
4. **I understand that the answers provided in this application will be used to determine the applicant IITF's potential eligibility for the National Laboratory Certification Program. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the answers recorded herein are true and complete as of this date.**

Signature, Designated RT

Date

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B. General IITF Information

1. To be eligible for certification, the IITF must test for all drug test analytes in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Authorized Drug Test Panel. The IITF must also use the test methods for screening and initial tests (i.e., drug tests and specimen validity tests) specified by the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs using Urine. **Note:** the terms “screening specimen validity test” and “initial specimen validity test” are defined in Section J of the NLCP Manual for Urine IITFs.

- 1a. Does the IITF have validated initial drug test assays for the drug analytes required by the Mandatory Guidelines?

☐ Yes
☐ No → **IITF NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**

- 1b. Does the IITF have validated tests to assess specimen validity (i.e., at a minimum, tests for creatinine, pH, specific gravity, and one or more oxidizing adulterants as required by the Mandatory Guidelines)?

☐ Yes
☐ No → **IITF NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**

2. Is the IITF registered with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)?

☐ Yes → **ATTACH PHOTOCOPY OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE**
☐ No → **COMMENT BELOW**

If YES, which schedules are covered by the registration?

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 2N ☐ 3 ☐ 3N ☐ 4 ☐ 5

If NO, explain how reference materials containing controlled substances are acquired: _____

3. Describe the relevant State licensure requirements for urine forensic toxicology for the State in which the IITF is located:

4. List IITF certifications/licenses:

____ States (List): _____

____ CLIA/HCFA¹ (List Specialties): _____

____ CAP2 (List Specialties): _____

____ Others (Specify): _____

¹Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA)/Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)

²College of American Pathologists (CAP)

4a. **ATTACH PHOTOCOPIES OF ALL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS INDICATED ABOVE.**

5. To be eligible for certification, the IITF must obtain a letter of commitment from one or more HHS-certified laboratories stating that the laboratory will receive, test, and report specimens from the certified IITF. The letter must be signed by each Responsible Person (RP) of the laboratory and by the designated RT of the applicant IITF. The list of currently certified laboratories is published by SAMHSA monthly in the Federal Register and is available on the SAMHSA website, <http://workplace.samhsa.gov/>.

- 5a. Does the IITF have a letter of commitment from one or more HHS-certified laboratories?

____ Yes → **ATTACH PHOTOCOPIES OF ALL LABORATORY
COMMITMENT LETTERS**

____ No → **IITF NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**

C. IITF Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Manual

1. For certification, the IITF must have a complete SOP manual that will apply to testing of regulated specimens under the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs using Urine.

Note: Manufacturers' package inserts or instrument manuals are not considered formal procedures. A written SOP manual is required to be eligible to apply for certification and it must be completed before the IITF is eligible to receive NLCP performance testing (PT) samples.

1a. Does the IITF have a complete SOP manual for regulated urine drug testing?

____ Yes
____ No → **IITF NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**

IITF SOP MANUAL INDEX

Indicate the location for each of these topics in the IITF's SOP manual:

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
Security		
Procedure for controlling access to the drug testing facility	_____	_____
Procedure for controlling access to individual secured areas	_____	_____
Procedure for documenting visitor access	_____	_____
Accessioning (specimen receipt)		
Procedure for receipt and processing of specimens	_____	_____
Procedure for problem/rejected specimens	_____	_____
Chain-of-Custody		
Procedure for documenting all transfers of specimens	_____	_____
Procedure for documenting all transfers of aliquots	_____	_____
Procedure for maintaining security of specimen bottles	_____	_____

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
Procedure for sending a specimen to a laboratory	_____	_____
<i>Aliquot Preparation</i>		
Procedure for preparing initial drug test aliquots	_____	_____
Procedure for preparing screening specimen validity test aliquots	_____	_____
Procedure for preparing initial specimen validity test aliquots	_____	_____
Procedure for automated aliquoting equipment	_____	_____
<i>Initial Drug Test</i>		
<i>Note: For alternate technology initial drug tests [as applicable], provide the following information based on the current Authorized Drug Testing Panel (i.e., list initial test analytes below, either individually or grouped, appropriate for the topic).</i>		
Principle of analysis	_____	_____
Preparation of test materials, calibrators, and controls	_____	_____
Procedure for set-up and normal operation of instruments	_____	_____
Procedure for instrument maintenance	_____	_____
Procedure for assay calibration	_____	_____
Procedure for calculating results	_____	_____
Quality control (QC) procedure, acceptance criteria (including partial batch acceptance criteria) and corrective actions	_____	_____
Procedure for validation of initial drug test methods	_____	_____
Procedure for verifying new lots of test materials (including immunoassay reagents)	_____	_____

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
Procedure for periodic re-verification of alternate technology initial drug test methods	_____	_____
References	_____	_____
<i>Second Initial Drug Test</i>		
Criteria for use	_____	_____
Principle of analysis	_____	_____
Preparation of test materials, calibrators, and controls	_____	_____
Procedure for set-up and normal operation of instruments	_____	_____
Procedure for instrument maintenance	_____	_____
Procedure for assay calibration	_____	_____
Procedure for calculating results	_____	_____
QC procedure, acceptance criteria (including partial batch acceptance criteria), and corrective actions	_____	_____
Procedure for validation of second initial drug test methods	_____	_____
Procedure for verifying new lots of test materials (including immunoassay reagents)	_____	_____
References	_____	_____

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
Specimen Validity Tests		
<i>Note: Provide the following information for each specimen validity test (screening and initial tests are defined in Section J of the NLCP Manual for Urine IITFs)</i>		

Creatinine

Principle of analysis	_____	_____
Preparation of test materials, calibrators, and controls	_____	_____
Procedure for set-up and normal operation of instruments	_____	_____
Procedure for instrument maintenance	_____	_____
Procedure for assay calibration	_____	_____
Procedures for conducting creatinine tests	_____	_____
QC procedure, acceptance criteria (including partial batch acceptance criteria), and corrective actions	_____	_____
Procedure for validation of creatinine test methods	_____	_____
Procedure for periodic re-verification of creatinine test methods	_____	_____
Special requirements, etc.	_____	_____
References	_____	_____

Specific Gravity

Principle of analysis	_____	_____
Preparation of calibrators and controls	_____	_____
Procedure for set-up and normal operation of instruments	_____	_____
Procedure for instrument maintenance	_____	_____

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
Procedure for assay calibration	_____	_____
Procedures for conducting specific gravity tests	_____	_____
QC procedure, acceptance criteria, and corrective actions for specific gravity tests	_____	_____
Procedure for validation of specific gravity test methods	_____	_____
Special requirements, etc.	_____	_____
References	_____	_____
Criteria for identifying acceptable, dilute, and possible invalid or substituted specimens based on creatinine and specific gravity test results	_____	_____
pH		
Principle of analysis	_____	_____
Preparation of test materials, calibrators, and controls	_____	_____
Procedure for set-up and normal operation of instruments	_____	_____
Procedure for instrument maintenance	_____	_____
Procedure for assay calibration	_____	_____
Procedures for conducting pH tests	_____	_____
QC procedure, acceptance criteria (including partial batch acceptance criteria), and corrective action for pH tests	_____	_____
Criteria for identifying acceptable and possible invalid or adulterated specimens based on pH test results	_____	_____
Procedure for validation of pH test methods	_____	_____

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
Special requirements, etc.	_____	_____
References	_____	_____
Oxidants		
Principle of analysis	_____	_____
Preparation of test materials, calibrators, and controls	_____	_____
Procedure for set-up and normal operation of instruments	_____	_____
Procedure for instrument maintenance	_____	_____
Procedure for assay calibration	_____	_____
Procedures for conducting oxidant tests	_____	_____
QC procedure, acceptance criteria (including partial batch acceptance criteria), and corrective action for oxidant tests	_____	_____
Criteria for identifying acceptable and possible invalid or adulterated specimens based on oxidant test results	_____	_____
Procedure for validation of oxidant test methods	_____	_____
Procedure for periodic re-verification of oxidant test methods	_____	_____
Special requirements, etc.	_____	_____
References	_____	_____

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
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Other Specimen Validity Tests

Note: Provide the following information for each specimen validity test

Measurand: _____

Principle of analysis _____

Preparation of test materials, calibrators,
and controls _____

Procedure for set-up and normal
operation of instruments _____

Procedure for instrument maintenance _____

Procedure for assay calibration _____

Procedures for conducting the test _____

QC procedure, acceptance criteria (including
partial batch acceptance criteria, and
corrective action for the test _____

Criteria for identifying acceptable and
possible invalid, substituted, or adulterated
specimens based on the test results _____

Procedure for validation of the test
methods _____

Procedure for periodic re-verification of the
test methods _____

Special requirements, etc. _____

References _____

QC and Test Materials

Procedures for preparing stock
standards, etc. _____

Procedures for preparing and verifying
calibrators _____

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
Procedures for preparing and verifying controls	_____	_____
Corrective procedure when calibrator and control verification results are out of control limits	_____	_____
Procedures for preparing and verifying test materials	_____	_____
Corrective action procedure when test material verification results are unacceptable	_____	_____
<i>Quality Assurance (QA) Procedures</i>		
Procedures for monitoring calibrator and control results	_____	_____
Corrective action procedure when QA review of calibrator and control results shows problems or potential problems (e.g., trends, shifts, bias)	_____	_____
<i>Equipment and Maintenance</i>		
Wash procedure for labware	_____	_____
Procedure for determining accuracy and precision of pipetting devices	_____	_____
Procedures for temperature-dependent equipment	_____	_____
Procedures for centrifuges	_____	_____
Procedures for analytical balances	_____	_____
Safety procedures	_____	_____
<i>Administrative/Reporting Procedures</i>		
Procedure for reviewing/certifying the test result(s) of a specimen	_____	_____
Procedure for reporting the test result(s) of a specimen	_____	_____

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
Procedure to detect and correct clerical errors	_____	_____
Procedure for electronic reporting of results	_____	_____
Procedure for preparing statistical summary reports	_____	_____
Procedure for updating the SOP Manual	_____	_____
Procedure for preparing data packages	_____	_____
Procedure for preparing the Forwarded and Rejected Specimen List (FRSL)	_____	_____
<i>IITF Computers and Information Systems Procedures</i>		
Computer and Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) security procedures	_____	_____
Computer and LIMS maintenance procedures	_____	_____
Procedure for computer and software validation	_____	_____
Procedure for requesting, verifying, and implementing software and configuration changes	_____	_____
Procedure for LIMS records archival and retrieval	_____	_____
Procedures for system monitoring, incident response, and disaster recovery	_____	_____
Procedure for obtaining audit trail reports	_____	_____
System Security Plan (SSP)	_____	_____
Validation of second party software used on mass spectral instruments	_____	_____

D. Chain of Custody, Accessioning, and Security

The IITF must have chain of custody, accessioning, and security procedures that ensure integrity is maintained for the original specimens and their aliquots. The chain of custody forms and procedures must account for all individuals who handle the specimens and aliquots and should provide a clear picture of the handling/transfers of specimens and aliquots from initial receipt to final disposition. The IITF must ensure the security of specimens and aliquots during processing and placement in any storage locations. If the laboratory plans to use an electronic Federal Custody and Control Form (ECCF), the laboratory must submit supporting documentation separately to the NLCP. Requirements for an ECCF Submission are in Section P of the NLCP Manual for Urine Laboratories.

1. Provide a description of the IITF's procedures for the following:

Specimen Receiving/Accessioning

- Receipt of specimen packages, how they are handled (if received outside the secured forensic laboratory)
- Reviews of the Federal CCF and each specimen bottle
- Completing accessioner CCF entries, assembling specimen batch, assigning IITF accession numbers
- Handling and resolution of problems with specimen bottles and/or Federal CCFs
- Description of collection kit to be used
- Location of all temporary storage area(s)

Aliquoting Procedures

- Aliquoting from the original specimen bottles (i.e., who and where)
- The aliquoting procedure (method, amounts, handling bottles and tubes, labeling) for initial drug tests, screening specimen validity tests, and initial specimen validity tests
- Transfer of aliquots from the individuals performing the aliquoting to those who will be testing the aliquots
- Transfer and storage of original specimen bottles after aliquoting is complete

Initial Drug Tests (First and Second Tests)

- Handling and testing of aliquots by IITF personnel
- Maintenance of chain of custody and aliquot identity during the testing
- Location of all temporary storage areas

Specimen Validity Tests (Screening, Initial)

- Handling and testing of aliquots by IITF personnel
- Maintenance of chain of custody and aliquot identity during the testing
- Location of all temporary storage areas

Disposition of Specimens and Aliquots

- Handling of original specimen bottles and aliquots after testing is completed
- Procedure for transferring specimens to an HHS-certified laboratory

Note: (1) Insert here.

(2) Do not exceed a total of 3 pages.

2. Will the IITF use an electronic (digital) or combination (electronic and paper) Federal CCF?

___ Yes → The IITF will be required to provide the items on the Electronic CCF System Submission List (see Section P of the NLCP Manual for Urine IITFs) **after the IITF's application has been approved**

___ No

3. Attach a flowchart and/or examples of chain of custody documents showing how regulated specimens and aliquots will be processed and their custody documented (chain of custody documents may be referenced and/or provided as examples for clarification).

4. Will regulated specimens be accessioned in a limited access, secure area?

___ Yes

___ No → **IITF NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**

5. Will regulated specimens be tested in a limited access, secure area?

___ Yes

___ No → **IITF NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**

6. Attach a floorplan of the IITF indicating the areas to be used for accessioning, testing of specimens, and storage of specimens, aliquots, and records. Include information to describe how the areas are secured and what security devices are utilized (e.g., which walls are outside walls; which are secured up to the ceiling; the location and type of security devices such as magnetic key cards, cipher locks, padlocks; location of secured storage areas such as refrigerators or freezers and how they are secured).

7. Will the original specimens be maintained in a limited access, secured area at all times?

___ Yes

___ No → **IITF NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**

7a. Where will the original specimens be stored?

Before testing? _____

During testing? _____

After testing is complete? _____

7b. Who will have access to the specimen storage areas?

Before testing? _____

During testing? _____

After testing is complete? _____

E. Records

The IITF must maintain records to support test results (i.e., including but not limited to all associated calibrator and control results, analytical data, chain of custody documents and associated administrative records) for at least two years. The IITF must also maintain method validation records for past and current procedures, instrument validation records, records documenting the standard operating procedures used at any given time period, and records of the education, training, and certification of all employees associated with regulated testing. The IITF must have security measures in place to limit access to electronic and hardcopy records to essential authorized personnel.

1. Will the IITF maintain records supporting specimen test results for at least two years?

☐ Yes
☐ No → **IITF NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**

- 1a. Will there be a secured area for the storage of records supporting specimen test results?

☐ Yes
☐ No → **IITF NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**

2. Will the IITF limit records access to authorized personnel?

☐ Yes
☐ No → **IITF NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**

3. Attach two data packages using the format described in Section R of the NLCP Manual for Urine Instrumented Initial Test Facilities to support (1) a specimen forwarded to a laboratory based on initial drug test results and (2) a specimen forwarded to a laboratory based on specimen validity test results.
4. In addition to the data packages described above: if the IITF will use more than one technology for initial drug tests (e.g., immunoassay, LC-MS/MS) the IITF must also provide drug test batch data and associated documents for a sample tested using each technology.

F. Personnel

To be eligible to apply for certification an IITF must have a Responsible Technician (RT) candidate that meets all eligibility requirements listed in Section 12.3 of the Mandatory Guidelines. An IITF may not apply for certification unless they can affirmatively answer questions 2 and 3 below regarding the RT Candidate.

Qualifications for a Responsible Technician Candidate

1. RT Candidate's Name: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

The candidate must provide the following for review of his/her eligibility:

- (a) A detailed description of the experience and qualifications specifically addressing the RT requirements as stated in the Mandatory Guidelines (Section 12.3);
 - (b) A current résumé or curriculum vitae; and
 - (c) Official copies with raised seal of all academic undergraduate and graduate transcripts.
2. To be eligible for review as an RT, at least one of the following questions must be answered "Yes":

- 2a. Does the candidate have a bachelor's degree in the chemical or biological sciences or medical technology?

____ Yes → **In which field?** _____
GO TO QUESTION 3.

____ No → **GO TO QUESTION 2b.**

- 2b. Does the candidate have training and experience comparable to a bachelor's degree in the chemical or biological sciences or medical technology, such as a scientific associate degree or certificate, or at least 2 years of university courses in a science curriculum, with additional training and laboratory/research experience in biology, chemistry, and pharmacology or toxicology?

____ Yes → **Describe:** _____

____ No

3. Does the candidate have training and experience in the analytical methods and forensic procedures used by the IITF that are relevant to the results?

____ Yes → **Describe:** _____

____ No → **CANDIDATE NOT ELIGIBLE AS RT**

4. Does the candidate have appropriate training and experience in reviewing and reporting forensic test results, maintenance of chain of custody, recordkeeping, and understanding proper remedial action in response to problems that may arise?

___ Yes → **Describe:** _____

___ No → **CANDIDATE NOT ELIGIBLE AS RT**

5. In the table below, enter the RT candidate's education.

Education	Name of School	Major and Minor Fields of Study	Diploma, Certificate or Degree Received
College or University			
Other Schools Attended			

6. How long has the RT candidate been associated with the IITF?

_____ YEARS

7. Is the RT candidate a full-time or part-time employee of the IITF?

___ Full-time (at least 40 hours per week)

___ Part-time _____ hours per week

If not a full- or part-time employee, describe the candidate's relationship with the IITF:

8. If approved as the RT for the certified IITF, how many hours per week would the candidate work in the regulated forensic urine drug testing IITF?

_____ HOURS PER WEEK

9. If approved as the RT for the certified IITF, what additional duties (i.e., other than regulated forensic urine drug testing) would the candidate perform for the company? (List here.)

Qualifications for an Alternate Responsible Technician Candidate

1. Alternate RT Candidate's Name: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

The candidate must provide the following for review of his/her eligibility:

- (a) A detailed description of the experience and qualifications specifically addressing the RT requirements as stated in the Mandatory Guidelines;
 - (b) A current résumé or curriculum vitae; and
 - (c) Official copies with raised seal of all academic undergraduate and graduate transcripts.
2. An alt-RT must be capable of fulfilling RT duties for a limited time (i.e., up to 180 days). An alt-RT candidate's qualifications are compared to RT requirements as follow:

- 2a. Does the candidate have a bachelor's degree in the chemical or biological sciences or medical technology?

___ Yes → In which field? _____
GO TO QUESTION 3.

___ No → **GO TO QUESTION 2b.**

- 2b. Does the candidate have training and experience comparable to a bachelor's degree in the chemical or biological sciences or medical technology, such as a scientific associate degree or certificate, or at least 2 years of university courses in a science curriculum, with additional training and laboratory/research experience in biology, chemistry, and pharmacology or toxicology?

___ Yes → **Describe:** _____

___ No

3. An alt-RT candidate must have appropriate experience in analytical toxicology.

- 3a. How many years of experience does the candidate have in analytical forensic toxicology (including experience with the analysis of biological material for drugs of abuse) beyond any degree?

_____ YEARS

3b. Does the candidate have appropriate training and/or experience in all operations of the forensic drug testing IITF (i.e., including training and experience as a certifying technician)?

___ Yes

___ No → **CANDIDATE NOT ELIGIBLE AS AN ALT-RT**

4. In the table below, enter the alt-RT candidate's education.

Education	Name of School	Major and Minor Fields of Study	Diploma, Certificate or Degree Received
College or University			
Other Schools Attended			

5. How long has the alt-RT candidate been associated with the IITF?

_____ YEARS

6. Is the alt-RT candidate a full-time or part-time employee of the IITF?

___ Full-time (at least 40 hours per week)

___ Part-time _____ hours per week

If not a full- or part-time employee, describe the candidate's relationship with the IITF:

7. If approved as the alt-RT for the certified IITF, how many hours per week would the candidate work in the regulated forensic urine drug testing IITF?

_____ HOURS PER WEEK

8. If approved as the alt-RT for the certified IITF, what additional duties (i.e., other than regulated forensic urine drug testing) would the candidate perform for the company? (List here.)

Personnel Certifications and Licenses

1. List the name, job title, education, and licenses/certifications for the following key staff:

Note: (1) Attach a résumé for each individual listed below.

(2) Attach a separate sheet as needed to list all individuals in these positions.

	Name	Job Title	Education	License/ Certification
Certifying Technician(s)				
Supervisor(s)				
Other Key Staff				

2. Is licensure and/or certification required for any of the above positions in the State in which the IITF is located?

☐ Yes

☐ No → **GO TO SECTION G**

If YES, describe requirements:

G. Quality Control (QC)

For certification, the IITF must have clearly defined QC procedures that are consistently applied, subject to review, and prompt appropriate corrective action upon failure to meet established acceptance criteria.

1. Are instrument function checks reviewed prior to batch analysis?

☐ Yes → **COMPLETE 1a**
☐ No

- 1a. What is the title and/or position of the person responsible for these checks?

Title/Position: _____

2. Are corrective actions documented when calibrators/controls, instrument responses, etc., fail defined acceptance criteria?

☐ Yes
☐ No → **IITF NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**

3. Are all calibrator and control results reviewed by the Certifying Technician prior to the release of the results?

☐ Yes
☐ No → **IITF NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**

4. Is the QA/QC program under the direct supervision of a Quality Control Supervisor?

☐ Yes
☐ No → **COMPLETE 4a**

- 4a. What is the title/position of the person responsible for the QA/QC program?

Title/Position: _____

5. Is the QA/QC program reviewed periodically by the Responsible Technician Candidate?

☐ Yes
☐ No → **CANDIDATE NOT ELIGIBLE AS RT**

- 5a. What is the title/position of the person responsible for the periodic review?

Title/Position: _____

6. Are there written procedures that are employed to routinely detect clerical and analytical errors prior to reporting results?

☐ Yes
☐ No → **IITF NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**

7. For certification, the IITF must have a QC program that includes both blind and open controls. At a minimum, these must include the number and type of calibrators and controls described in the Mandatory Guidelines for drug and specimen validity tests.

Provide a description of the IITF's procedures for the following:

Specimen Accessioning

- Introduction and /or aliquoting of blind samples into the test batches by accessioners
- Content and concentration of each blind sample
- If applicable, preparation and submission of blind samples as donor specimens from external sources

Initial Drug Tests (First and Second)

- How batches are constituted (e.g., how many specimens are in a batch, whether a batch is constituted in one session or specimens are added to the batch throughout the day)
- The distribution of the donor specimens, calibrators, and controls within each batch
- The procedure(s) and acceptance criteria for calibration and when and by whom the calibration data are evaluated and documented and (as applicable for alternate technologies) criteria for exclusion of unsatisfactory calibrators
- The acceptance criteria for each control (open and blind) in each batch and when and by whom these are evaluated and documented
- The criteria for accepting all donor specimen results or only a partial number of donor specimens in a batch
- For alternate technologies (as applicable), the criteria for accepting, re-extracting, or reinjecting a specimen

Specimen Validity Tests (Screening, Initial)

- How batches are constituted (e.g., how many specimens are in a batch, whether a batch is constituted in one session or specimens are added to the batch throughout the day)
- The distribution of the donor specimens, calibrators, and controls within each batch
- The procedure(s) and acceptance criteria for calibration and when and by whom the calibration data are evaluated and documented
- The acceptance criteria for each control (open and blind) in each batch and when and by whom these are evaluated and documented
- The decision points for each test and what constitutes abnormal results
- The criteria for accepting all donor specimen results or only a partial number of donor specimens in a batch
- Include an outline or a legible flowchart that comprehensively describes the IITF's specimen validity testing. The IITF's submission must identify any "reflex" testing, the initial test methods for each specimen validity test measurand, and any screening tests.

Note: (1) Insert here.

(2) Do not exceed a total of 2 pages.

H. Review and Reporting

The IITF must have adequate procedures to ensure the thorough review and accurate reporting of results.

1. Briefly describe the procedures for reviewing initial drug test data and certifying negative results (i.e., title/position of reviewers, electronic/hardcopy documents reviewed, QC review, criteria for instrument flags): _____

2. Briefly describe the procedures for reviewing specimen validity test data/results (i.e., screening and initial tests): _____

3. Briefly describe the procedures for the reporting of results. If the IITF will use electronic reporting for any regulated specimens, describe procedures to ensure confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the data and to limit access to any data transmission, storage, and retrieval system: _____

4. Is the IITF's Federal CCF identical to the OMB-approved Federal CCF to be used for all specimens submitted for testing under the Mandatory Guidelines?

____ Yes→ **ATTACH EXAMPLE OF IITF'S CUSTODY AND CONTROL FORM**
____ No→ **IITF NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**

5. Will the IITF use computer-generated electronic reports for urine specimens submitted for testing under the Mandatory Guidelines?

☐ Yes → **ATTACH EXAMPLE REPORTS (SEE BELOW)**
☐ No

If YES, attach an example of the IITF's computer-generated electronic report for each of the following IITF results:

- Negative
- Negative, Dilute
- Rejected

6. Will the IITF send a data file report in lieu of a formatted electronic report?

☐ Yes → **ATTACH EXAMPLE DATA FILE REPORTS** (reflecting what will be sent)
☐ No

7. Does the IITF plan to use an electronic (digital or combination electronic and paper Federal CCF for reporting? Note: Section D of the NLCP Manual for Urine IITFs describes the allowable formats for the Federal CCF.

☐ Yes
☐ No

If YES, specify the CCF type(s) and supplier(s):

I. IITF Computers and Information Systems

IITF computer systems include any computer system used in processing regulated specimens. Such systems are typically used for accessioning specimens, batch assignment and scheduling, capturing test results, tabulating QC data, and reporting final results. HHS-certified laboratories are prohibited from transmitting data to an IITF through a computer interface. Any computer interface communicating any form of data from an HHS-certified IITF to a laboratory must be approved by the NLCP prior to implementation. The applicant IITF and/or laboratories must submit a detailed plan to the NLCP for review.

1. Give a brief description of the computer system (and back-up computer system, if any) to be used by the IITF. Is it a "stand alone" system used solely by the IITF, part of a local system (e.g., a hospital system), or part of a multi-facility corporate system? (If not onsite, provide information on location and organizational control of each system.)

2. Give a brief description of how the IITF plans to use the computer system in regulated specimen processing: _____

3. Is the IITF computer system maintained in a secure area?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Attach a floorplan identifying the IITF computer system location. Include information to describe how the area is secured and what security devices are utilized (e.g., which walls are outside walls; which are secured up to the ceiling; the location and type of security devices such as magnetic key cards, cipher locks, padlocks).

4. Does the IITF limit functional access to the computer system?

☐ Yes
☐ No

5. Does the IITF have a System Security Plan (SSP) for each information system used for regulated drug testing, including corporate systems and external service provider systems?

☐ Yes
☐ No → **IITF NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**

6. Will the IITF use an external service provider (e.g., LIMS provider, software service provider, report provider) to perform services on the IITF's behalf related to regulated drug testing?

☐ Yes → **List the names of external service providers, and complete 6a**
☐ No

- 6a. Does the IITF have a signed contract/agreement with each external service provider that includes the priority elements listed in the Priority Elements for Contracts/Agreements with External Service Providers (attached)?

☐ Yes
☐ No → **IITF NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**

7. Does the IITF use data analysis software (in-house or third party) to process mass spectral results?

☐ Yes ® **List the software and provide a description of its operation and use in data processing and review**
☐ No

Complete the NLCP Application Tables – Urine

Contact the NLCP for Application Tables focused on technologies other those in the tables.

Table 1-a-1. Immunoassay Initial Drug Test Methods and Instruments

Table 1-a-2. Alternate Technology Initial Drug Test Methods

Table 1-a-3. Initial Drug Test Methods and Instruments – Liquid Chromatography

Table 1-a-4. Initial Drug Test Methods and Instruments –Mass Spectrometry

Table 1-b. Immunoassay First Initial Drug Test Calibrators and Controls

Table 1-c. Immunoassay Second Initial Drug Test Calibrators and Controls

Table 1-d.	Initial Drug Test Calibrators and Controls – Alternate Technology
Table 2-a-1.	Initial Specimen Validity Test Methods and Instruments (continued on Table 2-a-2 as needed)
Table 2-b-1.	<i>not applicable for an IITF</i>
Table 2-c-1.	Screening/Differential Specimen Validity Test Methods and Instruments (continued on Table 2-c-2 as needed)
Table 2-d-1.	Initial Specimen Validity Test Calibrators and Controls (continued on Table 2-d-2 as needed)
Tables 2-d-3 and 2-d-4.	<i>not applicable for an IITF</i>
Table 2-d-5.	Screening/Differential Specimen Validity Test Calibrators and Controls
Tables 3-a Through 3-d.	<i>not applicable for an IITF</i>
Tables 4-a through 4-c.	<i>not applicable for an IITF</i>

Priority Elements for Contracts/Agreements with External Service Providers

1. Limiting access to regulated specimen information
2. Implementing appropriate safeguards to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure of the information, including implementing applicable federal requirements with regard to regulated specimen and drug test information and records
3. Reporting to the HHS-certified test facility any use or disclosure of the information not provided for by the contract, including incidents that constitute data breaches of unsecured regulated specimen and drug test information
4. Disclosing information to HHS related to regulated specimens and drug tests
5. Arranging for disposition of regulated specimen data (i.e., disposal in accordance with specified record retention periods; transfer of records to the HHS-certified test facility upon termination of the agreement)
6. Notifying the HHS-certified test facility prior to allowing any subcontractors to have access to regulated specimen and drug test information
7. Ensuring that any subcontractors agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the external service provider with respect to regulated specimen and drug test information.