

# TEQ ANALYTICAL LABS

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TEQ Analytical Laboratories - First Recreational Marijuana Laboratory in North America Accredited to ISO/IEC 17025 through A2LA.

Aurora, CO, August 3, 2016 – TEQ ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES is pleased to announce its **accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025** standard through the American Association Laboratories Accreditation (A2LA). **TEQ Analytical Labs, based in Colorado, is the first ISO 17025 accredited recreational marijuana laboratory in North America.** “By achieving ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation, TEQ Analytical Labs believes that we can address the concerns throughout the cannabis industry regarding insufficient and unreliable scientific analysis by providing our clients with State required tests that are accredited by an international standard.” *Said Seth Wong, President of TEQ Analytical Laboratories.*

*Tripp Keber, President and CEO of Dixie Brands, Inc. commended the achievement, “At Dixie Brands, we believe that cannabis is powerful, that quality is important, and that accurate dosing is of supreme importance. Because Dixie is committed to delivering a safe, consistent, and accurately dosed product, lab testing is a vital component to our manufacturing processes. TEQ’s achievement of ISO 17025 accreditation instills great confidence to Dixie Brands that our consumers’ health and safety is ensured and that they will enjoy a reliable and predictable experience with our product each and every time. Dixie’s strategic relationship with TEQ continues to build long-term brand value.”*

Achieving ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation via A2LA, is the pinnacle in third-party laboratory accreditation. Accreditation to this standard confirms that laboratories have the management, quality, and technical systems in place to ensure accurate and reliable analyses, as well as proper administrative processes to confirm that all aspects related to the sample, analysis, and reporting are standardized, measured, and monitored. Through the implementation of ISO/IEC 17025, TEQ monitors a large number of often overlooked systems and processes that are critical to the analyses performed, thereby minimizing discrepancies and variability in the test results.

*Roger Brauning, BioSafety Program Manager at A2LA said “Cannabis testing laboratories that have gained ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation have demonstrated their competence and commitment to rigorous science. In the greatly-scrutinized recreational cannabis industry, we are pleased to have granted the first accreditation of its kind in North America.”*

*Seth Wong, TEQ Analytical Labs’ President, elaborated by saying, “TEQ is excited to utilize existing and internationally-recognized scientific standards to promote public health and safety among the cannabis industry and will continue to be a pioneer in the industry.”*

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## **ABOUT TEQ**

TEQ Analytical Labs is a cannabis testing laboratory located on the Fitzsimons BioScience Campus of the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, CO. TEQ helps cannabis companies comply with state regulations in an effort to protect public health and safety. TEQ is licensed for both recreational and medical marijuana testing in the State of Colorado by the state Marijuana Enforcement Division and the City of Aurora, Marijuana Enforcement Division. TEQ is also certified by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for analyzing samples for potency, residual solvents, and microbiological contamination. The owners and managers have over 70 years of experience in the food, drug testing, and agricultural industries and bring that expertise and knowledge to the cannabis industry.

## **ABOUT A2LA**

For its accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025, TEQ employed the services of the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA). A2LA is an approved signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA), and is the only independent, non-profit, internationally-recognized accreditation body in the United States that offers a full range of comprehensive laboratory and laboratory-related accreditation services and training. A2LA accredits laboratories, proficiency testing providers, reference material producers, product certifiers and inspection bodies across a wide range of industries.

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