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### ASCLD Recognizes Foresight Maximus Award Recipients

GARNER, NC: The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) announced fifteen forensic laboratories as recipients of the Foresight Maximus Award, a distinction recognizing the top performing forensic laboratories in the world based on Foresight business metrics.

The 2023 Foresight Maximus award was presented to fifteen participant laboratories operating at 90% or better of peak efficiency during the 2022 operational year.

- Arkansas State Crime Laboratory, Little Rock, AR
- Bexar County Criminal Investigation Laboratory, San Antonio, TX
- Chandler Police Department Forensic Service Section, Chandler, AZ
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- Nebraska State Patrol Crime Lab, Lincoln, NE
- North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory, Shreveport, LA
- Pinellas County Forensic Lab, Largo, FL

"I want to extend my sincere congratulations to the Project Foresight award winners", said ASCLD President Jennifer D. Naugle. "In the forensic science service provider world, stress and expectations are higher than ever, while resources and funding remain consistently low. It takes perseverance to remain efficient whilst also innovative. These top performing laboratories should be regarded as operations to be emulated by their peers as they uphold high standards of quality and productivity."

**About Foresight:** Started in 2007 by a cooperative agreement between the West Virginia University College of Business and Economics and the National Institute of Justice, the Foresight program is a business-guided, self-evaluation of forensic science laboratories, which began with local, regional, state, and national agencies in North America. Over the years, the program has expanded to include forensic laboratories from around the world. Economics, accounting, finance, and forensic faculty from WVU and Florida International University (FIU) provide assistance, guidance, and analysis. The process involves standardizing definitions for metrics to evaluate work processes, linking financial information to work tasks, and functions. The program has grown over time and its success had led to numerous journal publications, countless laboratory efficiency improvements across the U.S. and a supplementary program with funding by the Laura and John Arnold foundation to examine the interface between Foresight metrics and Laboratory Information Management Systems. Based on the success of the program and the gains seen by forensic laboratories, ASCLD has sought to begin recognizing peak performing laboratories at its Annual Symposium.

**About ASCLD:** ASCLD is a nonprofit professional society of crime laboratory directors and forensic science managers dedicated to providing excellence in forensic science through leadership and innovation. Founded in 1974, the purpose of the organization is to foster professional interests; assist the development of laboratory management principles and techniques; acquire, preserve, and disseminate forensic based information; maintain and improve communications among crime laboratory directors; and to promote, encourage and maintain the highest standards of practice in the field.

1 FORESIGHT: A Business Approach to Improving Forensic Science Services, Forensic Science Policy & Management: An International Journal Volume 1, Issue 2, 2009, Max M. Houck, Richard A. Riley, Paul J. Speaker, & Tom S. Witt, pages 85-95.