

**PROJECT 25 COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (P25 CAP)**  
**ACCREDITATION BODY CERTIFICATION MARK USAGE GUIDELINES**



The P25 Compliance Assessment Program (P25 CAP) represents a partnership between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), industry, and the emergency response community to facilitate over-the-air compatibility between radios and tower equipment. Specifically, P25 CAP helps ensure that communications equipment is P25 compliant and tested against one or more of the P25 compliance standards at accredited laboratories.

The framework for P25 CAP involves select laboratory accreditation bodies, which review and accredit participating P25 CAP laboratories. These accredited laboratories test land mobile radio equipment for compliance. S&T developed the certification mark identified above to underscore the process leading to the identification of P25 CAP compliant radios. Only properly certified accrediting bodies are entitled to use the above referenced certification mark upon execution of a licensing agreement with DHS.

Maintaining the integrity of the P25 CAP program necessitates controlling use of the certification mark. In fact, DHS has the legal responsibility to control use of the mark and protect it from nefarious uses by those seeking to illegitimately associate themselves with the P25 CAP program. As such:

- Entities utilizing the certification mark will need to sign a license agreement prior to using the certification mark.
- The mark must be displayed in a manner that facilitates DHS and P25 CAP program objectives, and does not bring disrepute or compromise DHS or P25 programmatic goals.
- The mark may not be modified in any way, shape or form. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, any changes to text, color or design of the mark. Moreover, the mark must be displayed in a manner that does not compromise their integrity, especially with respect to its image resolution and legibility.
- DHS is in the process of registering the mark at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. DHS is claiming common law rights in the mark, and licensees shall place the "TM" symbol immediately to the upper right of the mark until the mark is registered. When registration issues, DHS will notify licensees of the issuance of the registration certificate, and require substitution of the ® symbol for the "TM" symbol.