

Exam Security

SMT considers security to be a critical component of all of our examination programs. In fact, SMT is known in the testing community for its expertise in security matters. Dr. Lee Schroeder, SMT President, co-authored Chapter 4 Examination Security of the *Certification: A NOCA Handbook*. According to the NOCA description of the handbook,

(www.noca.org/publications/books)

“This step-by-step guide to designing and implementing effective professional certification examinations was written by recognized experts with applied knowledge of practical experience.”

We have instituted stringent procedures in all areas of test development and test administration, including a vault (a secure contained printing, production and storage facility) and document tracking procedures, and background checks (reference, criminal, credit, drug) on all staff and outside consultants. SMT's security is referred to as a “system” because of the various elements that must operate in harmony to ensure the kind of stable and secure environment required to conduct a testing business. This system was developed combining security concepts used by the Agency of Defense (to protect its top secret documents), other testing organizations and the experience of long-time testing experts.