## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

# **SCHEDULE 14A**

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## **KLA-Tencor** Corporation

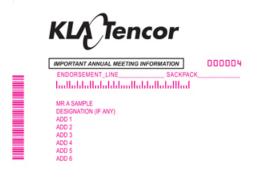
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Stockholders' Meeting Notice





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In compliance with recent Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual meeting of stockholders are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

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## www.envisionreports.com/klac

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#### Annual Meeting of Stockholders Notice

KLA-Tencor Corporation's Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on November 7, 2012 in Building Three of the Company's Milpitas facility, located at Three Technology Drive, Milpitas, California 95035, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the Class II Director Nominees (Proposal 1) and a vote FOR Proposals 2, 3 and 4.

- To elect as Class II Directors the four candidates nominated by the Company's Board of Directors to each serve for a three-year term, each until his successor is duly elected.
- 01 Robert P. Akins 02 Robert T. Bond 03 Kiran M. Patel 04 David C. Wang
- Ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.
- Approval of an amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to declassify the Company's Board of Directors.
  Advisory approval of the Company's executive compensation. In their discretion, the proxy holders are authorized to vote on all such matters as may properly come before the meeting or at any
- in their discretion, the proxy holders are authorized to vote on all such matters as may properly come before the meeting or at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

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