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**Application for Confidential Designation****Applicant: CHEERS, Inc.**

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CHEERS submits this request for a confidential designation for information submitted for its 2025 Energy Code Compliance Program Provider Application and Residential Data Registry Application.

The request is authorized under Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Section 2505. Also, specifically designated under 10-103.3(c)(2).

The following documents are submitted for confidential designation and are requested to be kept confidential in their entirety for a minimum of 10 years.

This is consistent with the Commission's **prior approvals** of substantially similar application materials for the HERS Program.

| Title                             | Date       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Pages |
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| CHEERS Ex. H ECC Training Program | 09/05/2025 | This document includes CHEERS' proprietary approach to applying for approval of its EC Training Program.                                                                                                              | 2     |
| Ex. A Summary of Evidence Amended | 09/05/2025 | This is an amendment to the prior submitted Summary of Evidence that was granted confidentiality.                                                                                                                     | 35    |
| Ex. C.1 QA Program Supplement     | 09/05/2025 | This is a supplement to CHEERS QA program that was previously granted confidentiality. It provides templates and information requested by CEC staff in the posted guidelines.                                         | 45    |
| Ex. C.2 QA Program Fees           | 09/05/2025 | This is a supplement to CHEERS QA program that was previously granted confidentiality. It provides proprietary information about possible QA program fees if needed, depending on CEC enforcement of the ECC Program. | 3     |
| Ex. Gv2 Admin Docs Revised        | 09/05/2025 | This is a supplement to the prior Exhibit G that was granted confidentiality. It reflects revisions to admin documents as requested by CEC Staff.                                                                     | 4     |

The following provisions apply: Title 24 CCR Section 10-103.3(c)(2); Title 20 CCR Section 2505; CA Government Code Section 6254, Government Code Section 7927. 700. The information to be protected contains proprietary business information, trade secrets, and would otherwise cause a loss of competitive advantage. *How CHEERS applies for approval, the method and manner of application submissions is proprietary and should be protected.* How CHEERS programs its Data Registry, how it conducts testing, the design of its QA and Training programs, and the results of the testing are protected proprietary information.

Specific nature of that advantage:

CHEERS has invested a substantial amount of time, money, and resources into collecting, managing, maintaining, designing, drafting, creating, programming and developing these programs, facilities, and data. Investments are not limited to the creation of the materials and information produced, but investments of resources to follow program requirements and policies. How CHEERS applies for approval is unique to CHEERS. How CHEERS programs its registry and administrative documents is proprietary.

How the advantage would be lost:

The disclosure of this information would furnish valuable insights to any present or prospective competitor, enabling them to sidestep or minimize the significant investment required.

The value of the information to the applicant:

CHEERS has spent years and many hundreds of thousands of dollars developing, collecting, managing, and maintaining these training and QA programs and data, and data registry processes.

Ease or difficulty with which the information could be legitimately acquired or duplicated by others:

Acquiring or duplicating the data, documents, and data registry information legitimately would present a significant challenge, requiring considerable time and financial investment for others.

None of the materials we request to be designated as confidential are suitable for aggregation. Any attempt at aggregation would likely result in the disclosure of confidential information.

The material has been kept confidential and has not been disclosed to any person other than CHEERS staff except where required by HERS Regulations.

The information is substantially similar to application materials previously designated as confidential under 22-HERS\_01 and 25-BSTD-01.

I certify that the records at issue are substantially similar to the records previously designated as confidential and that the facts and circumstances have not changed.



"I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this application for confidential designation is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge."

Thank You,

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Rod Tamayo is authorized to make the application and certification on behalf of CHEERS (20 CCR 2505(a)(1)(G.)). For any questions regarding this submission, please contact Rod Tamayo at [rtamayo@cheers.org](mailto:rtamayo@cheers.org)