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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE NATIONAL
LIGHTING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA'S PROPOSED LIGHTING
CONTROLS ACCEPTANCE TEST TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION PROVIDER
AMENDMENT APPLICATION FOR THE *2019 BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY
STANDARDS CONCERNING QUALITY ASSURANCE ON-SITE AUDITS*

Executive Summary

The National Lighting Contractors Association of America (NLCAA) submitted to the California Energy Commission (CEC) an application amendment on January 28, 2022. As specified in section 10-103.1(f) of the Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Code), acceptance test technician certification providers (ATTCPs) may submit an amendment to their approved application. Amendments submitted after approval of an ATTCP's application that contain any substantive changes shall be subject to the application review and determination process specified in section 10-103.1(e).

As specified in section 10-103.1(e) of the 2019 Energy Code, staff reviewed the proposed amendments to the quality assurance and accountability on-site audit procedures and has determined that the amendments satisfy the requirements of section 10-103.1(c)3F of the 2019 Energy Code. Staff recommends approval of the NLCAA's application amendment.

Staff published a staff report concerning the review and evaluation of NLCAA's proposed amendments on April 25, 2022. A notice of availability informing interested parties that the staff report was available on the CEC's website was transmitted on April 25, 2022. All interested parties have had reasonable time since April 25, 2022 to review the posted information.

After thorough review and consideration of NLCAA's proposed amendments and corresponding staff report, I find that NLCAA's application amendments meet the requirements and procedures required by the 2019 Energy Code, and recommend that the CEC confirm these findings and approve the proposed application amendments.

Background

The ATTCP program addresses training, certification, and oversight of acceptance test technicians (ATTs), as well as the acceptance test employers (ATEs). The technicians perform the tests required by the Energy Code, and the employers are responsible for the technician's work. ATTCPs are professional organizations that are approved to provide training curricula for ATTs and ATEs, certification procedures, complaint resolution (including disciplinary procedures), quality assurance, and accountability

measures. Acceptance testing ensures that installed equipment, controls, and systems in nonresidential buildings operate as required by the Energy Code.

On November 17, 2014, NLCAA was approved by the CEC as a nonresidential lighting controls ATTCP. NLCAA submitted an application amendment to the CEC on December 15, 2021. NLCAA submitted a revised application amendment to address staff's evaluation for compliance on January 28, 2022.

As specified in section 10-103.1(c)3F, a provider must describe in its application to the CEC its procedures for performing randomly selected on-site audits of no less than one percent of each technician's completed acceptance tests. The proposed amendment makes substantive changes to quality assurance and accountability on-site auditing procedures established in the NLCAA's approved application. Amendments that contain any substantive changes are subject to the full application review and determination process specified in section 10-103.1(e).

Summary of the Staff Evaluation

Staff evaluated the complete application amendment submitted by the NLCAA and has determined that the proposed changes to quality assurance and accountability on-site auditing procedures outlined in the amendment satisfy the requirements for quality assurance and accountability in section 10-103.1(c)3F of the 2019 Energy Code. Staff recommends that the CEC approve the NLCAA's amendment application.

Staff has published a staff report on the review and evaluation of NLCAA's proposed amendment in accordance to section 10-103.1(e) of the 2019 Energy Code. A notice of availability was transmitted on April 25, 2022, over the CEC's Building Energy Efficiency Standards listserv to inform interested parties that the staff report was available for public review and comment. The staff report was made available to interested parties on the [CEC website at:](#)

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=242759&DocumentContentId=76325>.

Recommendation of the Executive Director

Based upon staff's review and validation of the NLCAA's application amendments, I recommend that the CEC confirm these findings and approve the amendments to NLCAA's application.

This approval authorizes NLCAA to administer the program described in its application as amended, to train, certify, and provide necessary oversight for ATTs and ATEs to perform the lighting controls acceptance tests, as required under the 2019 Energy Code.



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Date