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I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following input to Section 120.8 (Commissioning).

Currently, Title 24-2016 does not require the person performing commissioning on the project to be certified “ anyone can do it. As a professional with interest in elevating the quality of the industry, I recommend the code be amended to require that commissioning work for buildings over 50,000 square feet or with a complex mechanical system be performed by third party ANSI-accredited certified commissioning professional. As a professional working in the field of commissioning and energy efficiency, I understand the importance of high standards and commitment to the practice of commissioning. I believe these changes are implementable, reasonable, and will bring quality to the commissioning process.

My recommendations for modifications to the code follow those already recommended by the California Chapter of the Building Commissioning Association:

• Add a definition for certified commissioning professional to section 10-102

• Add the option for a certified commissioning professional to Section 10-103

• Add wording to require a certified commissioning professional to large projects or projects with complex mechanical systems (in line with design review requirements in current code) to section 120.8.

In conclusion, in accordance with the California Chapter of the Building Commissioning Association, I recommend requiring that commissioning professionals be not only certified, but the certification be ANSI-Accredited.