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Re: Comments on CALCTP Lighting Control Acceptance Test Technician Certification Provider Application

I am a commissioning agent with 9 years of experience with various commissioning firms. The 2013 Title 24 energy code requires sophisticated acceptance test inspections, but these inspections are not reliable unless performed by acceptance testers who have the skills, knowledge and ability to competently perform these inspections.

Without reliable acceptance tests, the code cannot be meaningfully enforced, and we will not achieve our energy efficiency goals. I can tell you that the training and certification provided by CALCTP is rigorous and complete. It provides valuable hands-on training with a wide range of lighting control systems as well as effective training exercises - even in the small details.

My only concern is that the acceptance tester must be a third party tester instead of having the installing company test their installing system. This will create a conflict of interest if the installing contractor will test the system.

Please follow the same criteria as the CALGREEN Commissioning requirement and guideline if you were to implement the acceptance testing for Lighting and Mechanical Systems.

Given my good experience with CALCTP, I strongly support approval of their application.

Sincerely,

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