

Vetting criteria for appointment as a CEC Agent for the purpose of accessing interval meter data

All potential CEC Agents (Agents) must meet the requirements set forth in the CEC's standard contractual language governing the handling of confidential information. This language includes, but is not limited to, requirements for security training, data encryption, Information Security Program Plans, and adherence to other relevant portions of the Statewide Information Management Manual (SIMM) and State Administrative Manual.

In addition to these requirements, the CEC will evaluate potential Agents across four criteria:

1. Compliance with industry-standard security frameworks.

The CEC will require proof of compliance, such as the results of a Systems and Organization Controls 2 Type 2 (SOC 2 Type 2) audit or a moderate-level authorization under the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP).

2. Demonstrated ability to ingest, store, and analyze terabyte-scale data.

Potential Agents must be able to demonstrate past experience working with datasets larger than ten terabytes and current technical capabilities to manage data of this size.

3. Demonstrated subject matter expertise.

Potential Agents must have experience working with energy data and demonstrated expertise in tools and methods for analyzing energy systems and data.

4. Evaluation of prior data breaches while working with State or local governments.

Potential agents must disclose any data breaches or security incidents and provide proof of how the incidents were remediated. The CEC will consider the recency, severity, and remediation of any incidents.