



VERIFICATION POLICY UPDATE

ANSI Applicant Eligibility to Provide Verification Services for
Members of The Climate Registry and California Climate Action Registry

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Effective Date: December 31, 2009

Applicants of ANSI's GHG Verification Body Accreditation Program will be eligible to conduct entity inventory verifications for Members of The Climate Registry and Members of the California Climate Action Registry only for purposes of meeting their requirement of an ANSI witness assessment of an entity inventory verification. Please note that this policy does not apply to emissions reduction or removal projects under the Climate Action Reserve.

This policy will be effective for any verification contracts to be executed on or after December 31, 2009. In other words, if an applicant has already completed its entity inventory witness assessment, after December 31, 2009, the applicant may still submit a proposal to provide verification services to a Member of The Climate Registry; however, the applicant will not be eligible to execute a contract with the Member unless they have achieved accredited status. The applicant must clearly disclose this limitation in its response or proposal to the Member. Applicants are encouraged to use good judgment and not respond to requests for proposals for contracts that are likely to be awarded well in advance of the applicant's ability to achieve accredited status.

Beginning December 31, 2009, if an ANSI applicant that has already completed an entity inventory witness assessment were to submit a conflict of interest (COI) assessment form to The Climate Registry, the applicant will not be allowed to proceed with the verification unless the verification will be witnessed by ANSI to support an accreditation scope extension or the Member solicited the verification services prior to August 24, 2009 (in which case, supporting evidence must be submitted to The Climate Registry along with the COI assessment form).

The Climate Registry will allow an exception to this policy if the ANSI applicant can successfully demonstrate that they have been providing GHG verification services to a Member of The Climate Registry under another GHG program such as the California Climate Action Registry and the Member is interested in continuing its relationship with the applicant. The Climate Registry may also allow an exception if an ANSI applicant has been retained to provide verification services for a Member and that Member's sister organization(s) (same parent company) is interested in retaining the same firm for verification services. These exceptions do not relieve the ANSI applicant from the requirement to achieve accredited status within nine months of issuing a Verification Statement for a Member of The Climate Registry or from complying with ANSI's accreditation program deadlines.

Please contact Jackie Huggins, Manager of Verification Services for The Climate Registry with any questions regarding this policy update. Jackie can be reached by e-mail at jackie@theclimateregistry.org or by phone at 201-238-2572.