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ANSI Announces ICC-ES Accreditation under Pilot Programs for Eco-Labeling, Environmental Product Declarations

ICC-ES also accredited to validate, verify EPDs

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Accreditation Committee deemed the ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) as eligible Type III Program Operator in accordance with ISO 14020-2000, ISO 14025-2006, ISO 21930-2007 and its internal requirements. Moreover, ICC-ES' Type III as a certification body that verifies/validates EPDs was accredited by ANSI under the requirements of ISO/IEC 17065-2012, ISO 14025-2006 and ISO 14020-2000. ICC-ES is one of the first four entities to receive both eligibility and accreditation for its Type III program under this Pilot Program.

"Accreditation by ANSI creates a valuable attribute for certification bodies, program operators, and for certification bodies that validate/verify in the environmental labels/eco-labeling arena, and offers them a significant distinction from their competitors in the marketplace," said Reinaldo Figueiredo, ANSI senior program director for product and process accreditation.

"This is a substantial achievement that reinforces the technical expertise, depth of knowledge and ongoing efforts of ICC-ES to provide more options and value to our clients," said <u>ICC-ES</u> President, Shahin Moinian.

Type III Program operators must conform to the requirements and processes contained in ISO 14020, Environmental labels and declarations - General Principles, and ISO 14025, Environmental labels and declarations - Type III environmental declarations Principles and procedures and ISO 21930:2007, Sustainability in building construction-Environmental declaration of building product. In addition, eligible program operators must conform to ANSI procedures PRO-PR-165-ISO 14025, Requirements/Process to determine Eligibility of a Type III Environmental Declaration Program, and PRO-FR-104-ECO-ISO 14025, Application for Eligibility of Type III Environmental Declaration Programs.

Certification bodies accredited by ANSI to conduct validation/verification of EPDs are also required to comply with applicable requirements and processes found in ISO 14020, ISO 14025, and ISO/IEC 17065, Conformity assessment - Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services.

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