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Is maintaining ISO/IEC 17020 accreditation (or being a sub-contractor to an ISO/IEC 17020 accredited inspection body) an appropriate requirement for verifiers of ENERGY STAR certified homes?

Requiring 17020 accreditation or delivering ratings as a sub-contractor for an accredited 17020 seems like an essential element of the delivery model. At this point, there seems to be no "deal breaker" requirement for either 17065 or 17020 organizations. The rules we have studied have some room for intelligent interpretation and adaptation to effectively apply to Energy Rating organizations. Applying 17020 to Energy Rating will take some time and some effort. Initially, I would expect that most Energy Rating Companies will select to be a subcontract partner with a 17065 Agency. However, more process oriented and technically sophisticated organizations may decide that becoming 17020 accredited would be to their benefit.

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