

Pierce County C-PACER Program

Attachment 3: Certificate of Qualified Improvements

I, the undersigned, hereby certify the following facts and make the following certifications with respect to the project described in the attached Project Application (the "Project") under the Pierce County Commercial C-PACER Program:

1. I am a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Washington, whose registration number and stamp are shown below, OR

2. I am accredited by or belong to a firm with an accreditation from:
 - American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE);
 - Building Energy Assessment Professional (BEAP)
 - Building Energy Modeling Professional (BEMP)
 - Operations & Performance Management Professional Certification (OPMP)
 - High-Performance Building Design Professional Certification (HBDP)
 - Association of Energy Engineers;
 - Certified Energy Manager (CEM)
 - Certified Measurement and Verification Professional (CMVP)
 - Certified Energy Auditor (CEA)
 - Building Performance Institute;
 - Energy Auditor
 - North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP);
 - Investor Confidence Project; or
 - ICP Quality Assurance Assessor
 - Water Quality Association Professional Certification.

Other. _____

Please provide verification of professional accreditation and recognition.

3. The application is for:
___ an existing building
___ new construction

4. Please describe your relationship to the project:
___ I am employed by the project applicant in my professional capacity
___ I am a contracted independent third-party reviewer

5. I reviewed the following information regarding the project (e.g., equipment specifications OR design drawings/modeling OR permit applications OR an ASHRAE Level 1 assessment/energy assessment). Please Describe:

6. The project proposal includes the “Qualified Improvements”, as defined in RCW 36.165 and the Program Guidebook, and the estimated useful life of each Qualified Improvement, which are listed in an attachment to this certification. (Please attach)
7. The proposed term of the financing does not exceed the weighted average effective useful life of the proposed Qualified Improvements.
8. The Qualified Improvements will be permanently affixed to the property.

**IF FOR AN EXISTING BUILDING (check those that apply):
I CERTIFY:**

- The proposed Qualified Improvement(s) will result in more efficient use or conservation of energy or water, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions or fossil fuel use, or the addition of renewable sources of energy or water.
- The Qualified Improvement(s) will result in improved resilience, which may include, without limitation, seismic resilience, flood mitigation, stormwater management, wildfire and wind resistance, energy storage, and microgrids. If other, specify:

- Prior to the installation of the Qualified Improvement(s), the pre-existing product, device, or interacting group or products or devices did not conform to applicable code requirements, or the subject property as a whole did not conform to the currently applicable building energy or water code for the County. After the Qualified Improvement(s) are installed, the subject property will meet the applicable code or codes.
- The proposed Qualified Improvement(s) provides a "**Significant Public Benefit**" in that it or the resulting performance of the system or structure as a whole if the Qualified Improvement cannot be independently evaluated, satisfies any **one** of the following:
 - Meets or exceeds the requirements of the Pierce County Energy Code or, if more stringent, the Washington State Energy Code;
 - Meets or exceeds energy performance standards in Chapter 194-50 WAC if the structure is a building covered by that Chapter;
 - Is reasonably expected to reduce the annual amount of energy purchased from a utility, or the amount of greenhouse gas emitted, by 20 percent, including through on-site production and use of clean, renewable energy;
 - Is the replacement of existing fossil-fuel burning space or water-heating equipment with electric options, which may include the replacement of related system elements;
 - Meets or exceeds the requirements for water efficiency under Pierce County building codes or, if more stringent, Washington State building codes;
 - Meets or exceeds safe drinking water standards, as set by the Washington State Department of Health, for lead contamination; or

- Meets or exceeds seismic, flood, or other building resiliency requirements under Pierce County building codes or, if more stringent, Washington State building codes.

Attach an explanation, including any necessary calculations, of the Significant Public Benefit of the Qualified Improvement or describe below:

IF FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION (check those that apply):

I CERTIFY:

- The proposed Qualified Improvement(s) will result in more efficient use or conservation of energy, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions or fossil fuel use, or the addition of renewable sources of energy.
- The proposed Qualified Improvement(s) will result in more efficient use or conservation of water, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, or the addition of renewable sources of water.
- The Qualified Improvement(s) will result in improved resilience, which may include, without limitation, seismic resilience, flood mitigation, stormwater management, wildfire and wind resistance, energy storage, and microgrids. If other, specify:

- The proposed Qualified Improvement(s) provides a **"Significant Public Benefit"** in that it or the resulting performance of the system or structure as a whole if the Qualified Improvement cannot be independently evaluated, satisfies any one of the following:
 - Exceeds the requirements of the Pierce County Energy Code or, if more stringent, the Washington State Energy Code;
 - Is reasonably expected to reduce the annual amount of energy that would otherwise be expected to be used or purchased from a utility, or the amount of greenhouse gas emitted, by 30 percent, including on-site production and use of clean, renewable energy;
 - Exceeds the requirements for water efficiency under Pierce County building codes or, if more stringent, Washington State building codes;
 - Exceeds safe drinking water standards set by the Washington State Department of Health for lead contamination; or
 - Exceeds seismic, flood, or other building resiliency requirements under Pierce County building codes or, if more stringent, Washington State building codes.

Attach an explanation, including any necessary calculations, of the Significant Public Benefit of the Qualified Improvement or describe below:

Signature: _____

NAME:

Business name:

Business address:

Business contact email:

Business contact phone:

IF APPLICABLE

License No. _____

Stamp: _____

ATTACHMENTS (Please attach to Certification)