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Clarification

Access to technical experts and demonstration of competence

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1. Introduction

1. Paragraph 57 of the CDM accreditation standard (version 06.0) requires, in each technical area in which an applicant entity (AE) intends to operate or a designated operational entity (DOE) operates, that the AE or DOE has at least one person qualified in the technical area who will participate in the validation or verification/certification team and at least one person qualified in the technical area who will participate in the technical review team.
2. Paragraph 58 of the CDM accreditation standard requires that an AE or DOE to have personnel in accordance with paragraph 57 for at least one technical area within each sectoral scope for which it has applied for accreditation or has been accredited.
3. The CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP), at its 72nd meeting, considered a concern raised by the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum. For seldom used sectoral scopes, DOEs were looking for options to reduce their costs regarding requirements for having competent personnel and have questioned how to demonstrate competence in such seldom used sectoral scopes.
4. Therefore the CDM-AP and the secretariat recommended the Executive Board of the CDM (hereinafter referred to as the Board) to clarify that access to technical experts may satisfy the requirement for having personnel. No exception should be made on how to demonstrate competence in such seldom used sectoral scopes.
5. The Board, at its 86th meeting, agreed to clarify these paragraphs of the CDM accreditation standard.

2. Clarification

6. The Board clarifies that the requirement to 'have personnel' (paragraphs 57 and 58 of the standard) may be satisfied by access to technical experts provided the following is met:
 - (a) The technical experts are qualified by the DOE, as per, inter alia, paragraph 61 of the standard;
 - (b) The credentials of the technical experts are available (curricula vitae, records, etc.), as per, inter alia, paragraph 95 (c) of the standard;
 - (c) Written consent from the technical experts that they are available whenever there is a specific validation or verification activity;
 - (d) The DOE shall have a contract with the technical experts prior to undertaking a specific validation/verification activity, as per, inter alia, paragraph 60 (a) of the standard;
 - (e) The technical experts shall demonstrate competence and be monitored as per section 10.3.1 and 10.3.2, respectively, of the standard;
 - (f) The technical experts comply with all other requirements of the standard;
7. The Board also clarifies that accreditation assessments of compliance with section 10.3.1 of the standard will, inter alia, assess the procedures/systems in place and the

personnel evaluation records for demonstration of competence, including for persons who are available on call and are not employees of the organization.

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