EPA's Safer Choice Third-Party Profiler Qualifications

In order to become a qualified third party profiler, Safer Choice has set stringent requirements as outlined in Section 7 of EPA's <u>Safer Choice Standard</u>. In brief, the candidate must submit a paper application to provide evidence of technical competency and undergo a pilot review. The elements of technical competence that the candidate must demonstrate include the following:

- **Staff**: A profiler shall have the appropriate personnel to perform hazard assessments. Staff shall include chemists, biologists, toxicologists, or others with science/technical backgrounds.
- Assessment and interpretation abilities: A profiler shall establish the ability to assess and interpret diverse toxicological and other health and environmental information.
- Access and management of hazard information: A profiler shall establish the ability to access and manage chemical, health and environmental hazard information, including fluency with chemicals at the structural level.
- Use of estimation models and software: A profiler shall demonstrate skill at using EPA and other physical-chemical and environmental estimation models and software.
- **Secure handling of proprietary business information**: A profiler shall have the appropriate systems and procedures in place to ensure the protection of all proprietary business information obtained through the review process for this program.

NSF and ToxSerivces each charge a fee for completing a profile. NSF costs are based upon the number of ingredients in the formulations and the number of products. ToxServices charges clients a one-time fee for each ingredient profile. A fee schedule will be provided upon request. The length of time to complete a product review is based on the number of applicants in the queue and the complexity of the formulation. An estimated completion date will be provided at the time that a quote is established for the review.