Delivery Contract
proposal only

Drafted by a developer or by automation; an AI agent may suggest protected or allowed paths.

1 Authorize A/B

Repository policy chooses the route

A An independent person approves

For sensitive work and exceptions

A person other than the developer or AI agent approves the exact proposal.

B Protected automation approves under the policy

For routine work within the repository policy

Separate AI review (normally) → **Automation approves**

People approved the policy rules in advance. A separate AI review normally checks the Delivery Contract proposal; it never approves it.

Rejected

A reviewer rejects the proposal.

The reasons are recorded. Fix the Delivery Contract proposal and resubmit it for a fresh review.

On hold

Too many AI rejections, or an AI review misses its deadline.

An enrolled hold handler resolves the cause and releases the hold. Then the proposal gets a fresh review.

Delivery Contract
issued

Verified by the CEED Router, recorded in the Change Passport.

The AI agent doing the work may suggest paths and fix a rejected Delivery Contract proposal.
It is prohibited from approving the Contract or holding or controlling the credentials that issue it.

Figure 2. Authorizing a Delivery Contract

A Delivery Contract counts as issued only after an independent person, or protected automation under rules people set in the policy, approves it and the CEED Router verifies it. A rejected or held proposal returns for a fresh review.