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To: California Energy Commission

From: Cesar Diaz, Legislative Director



RE: Docket Number: 13-CCEJA-1 (Comments on Proposition 39)

I write on behalf of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO to submit our comments on Proposition 39: California Clean Energy Jobs Act - 2013 Program Implementation Draft Guidelines. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the development of a successful program implementation that will vastly improve the environment and energy usage in public school facilities and provide feedback to ensure optimum workforce training and job creation outcomes.

Proposition 39's enacting legislation provides specific requirements to track and report job creation and training outcomes resulting from energy efficiency investments. This data collection is critical to measure progress towards the Proposition's goals to "create good-paying energy efficiency and clean energy jobs in California" and will help implementers evaluate program outcomes and improve program performance.

To strengthen accountability and ensure good quality jobs, local education agencies (LEAs) should be required to track and report metrics for job quantity and job quality, along with the demographic and geographic distribution of workers. This information will also help keep contractors honest and deter them from cheating workers and cutting corners on these taxpayer funded projects. At a minimum, LEAs should require contractors to report data based on certified payroll records for each worker employed on a project that receives Proposition 39 funds, including:

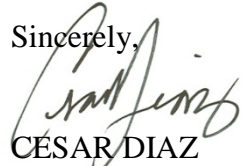
- Job classification by trade, craft, and prevailing wage category;
- Job classification by journey level or apprentice level;
- Hourly rate of pay;
- Number of hours worked per week; and
- Zip code of worker residence.

The information above should be linked to a description of work performed (scope of work) so that the job outcomes can be evaluated on a project-by-project basis.

We recommend using an online labor compliance reporting system to ensure accurate and consistent data, generate comprehensive reports, and facilitate reporting for LEAs, contractors and the state.

In closing, we appreciate this opportunity to comment and look forward to reviewing the final draft of the Guidelines. Please contact me regarding these comments at (916) 443-3302 or cesar@sbctc.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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