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To: The Commissioners
California Energy Commission

Dear Commissioners:

Docket Number 13-CCEJA-1
Comments on Proposition 39

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the Proposition 39: California Clean Energy Jobs Act - 2013 Program Implementation Draft Guidelines.

We appreciate all of your hard work and strategic planning and leadership to improve California’s schools long term use of energy, address climate change while making a positive impact on our state’s economy. We offer the following comments to ensure the long term economic impact, through program implementation with total transparency to the taxpayer and all stakeholders whose interest you have at heart.

SB 73 directs the state to track and report job creation and training outcomes resulting from Proposition 39 investments. This will provide critical data to measure progress toward the Proposition’s goal to “create good-paying energy efficiency and clean energy jobs in California” and will help implementers evaluate program outcomes and improve program performance.

We strongly urge you to require jobs and workforce outcome data for Proposition 39 investments to ensure,

1. accountability of the project sponsors as well as vendors and contractors for the proper use of tax dollars
2. critical tracking of productivity of all resources, whether material, labor or energy on all projects which is at the core of economic improvement of our State
3. market-driven high quality jobs and workforce data.

We recommend that you require local education agencies (LEAs) to track and report metrics for job quantity and job quality, along with the demographic and geographic distribution of workers. Too often, this data is only available after the fact when it is too late.
At 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:

- Project location and project sponsor
- Scope of work and expected outcome
- Contracting firm
- 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.

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.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment and look forward to reviewing the final draft of the Guidelines.

Yours respectfully,

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