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Additional submitted attachment is included below.





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Dear CEC staff and commissioners,

Thank you for giving the opportunity to provide feedback with respect to the draft guidelines for implementing AB 841 – the School Energy Efficiency Stimulus (SEES) Program, including both the School Reopening Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification and Repair (SRVEVR) Program and the School Noncompliance Plumbing Fixture and Appliance (SNPFA) Program.

RHA has compiled the following questions regarding SRVEVR program after reviewing the revised guidelines released on March 19, 2021.

- 1. In Chapter 2, section G .Skilled and Trained Workforce Requirements, it states that "LEAs may use in-house staff or contractors to complete the work as long as all staff meet applicable Skilled and Trained Workforce requirements", however, the majority of California school employees are not members of building trade unions. This requirement will exclude a majority number of inhouse school employees from performing this work.
- 2. In Chapter 3, section C. Contractor Estimates it states that "In obtaining the contractor estimate, the LEA shall adhere to its bidding and public contracting requirements consistent with the Public Contract Code." however, there is no language in the Public Contractor Code related to obtaining estimates. Furthermore, will the CEC require contractor bids as part of the application package?
- 3. In Chapter 2, section C. Carbon Dioxide Monitoring states that "To ensure proper ventilation is maintained throughout the school year, all classrooms in schools receiving a SRVEVR grant shall be equipped with a carbon dioxide monitor that meets all the following", in receiving SRVEVR grant will school districts be required to install carbon dioxide monitors during the assessment phase? Can school districts request an assessment only grant without installing carbon dioxide monitors? Furthermore, can school districts request reimbursements for prior work that did not include the installation of carbon dioxide monitors?

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input and your consideration on the above questions.

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