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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



October 17, 2023

Re: Labor and Community Voices for ZEV Battery Manufacturing Block Grant

Dear All,

Thank you for your joint statement regarding the ZEV Battery Manufacturing Block Grant Advisory Committee. I appreciate your attention to detail and interest on this topic. CALSTART is committed to building an equity-first grant program.

We would like to clarify the purpose of the advisory committee as well as the composition. The purpose of this committee is to give expert sector-specific and workforce development advice to CALSTART and our project partners on key aspects of the project and solicitation design.

The composition of the advisory committee does not include the CALSTART managers, project partners, or CEC managers which make up 7 of the 12-invitee count mentioned in your letter. These individuals are present in the meeting to answer questions and give context for the members. Currently 40% of the committee directly represents labor interests.

Our aim is to create a small and agile membership for the sake of expediency, to bring equitable Zero-Emission Vehicle Manufacturing in California to market quickly and effectively. We understand and agree with your concerns and will gladly reach out to community, EJ, and environmental organizations to be included in these conversations.

With the understanding that we have a limited time to develop the solicitation, we can only commit to 2-3 additional organizations. However, because the meeting is tomorrow we cannot guarantee they will be able to attend that meeting, and accommodations will be made for them to participate.

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