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Hello,

I am submitting two comments on the above referenced Docket via email because the website is not currently working.

- 1. In the Webinar it was stated that funds from AB841 could only be used for "contractors" performing the required work evaluating, upgrading and repairing equipment. I would suggest that this requirement be removed. School District staff is facing unprecedented demands on their time and resources as they work to re-open schools. They do not have available staff, let alone staff with the appropriate skill sets to complete the applications and hire and manage the appropriate contractors to do the work. I think it is critical that School Districts be allowed to spend funds from AB 841 to hire appropriate consultants to manage the work under this program and complete applications. This will allow the applications to happen as quickly as possible and for the funds to be put to work improving indoor air quality in underserved communities.
- 2. It is important to clarify what the requirements are for the procurement process for school Districts under this program. Districts need to know if they can use an RFP type process, if there is a "non-sole source" requirement like Prop 39 or if this work is subject to the Public Contract Code requirements that govern most school facilities projects. These regulations will affect how Districts pursue this funding and uncertainty about what the requirements are will slow the process down. It would also be helpful to allow as much flexibility as possible to school districts to procure the construction and consulting services required for these projects. If it is possible under the statute to allow an RFP type selection process to compare quotes from multiple vendors and select the best proposal that would work best for most Districts.

Please let me know if you have any follow up questions. Thank you,



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