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It is apparent that EECBG Program funds for some smaller government units will be of an amount that will limit the scope of their energy-efficiency projects. (I do agree that something is better than nothing.) In light of the comments made by smaller government representative who attended the workshop, it occurred to me that both Investor Owned Utilities and Municipal Owned Utilities should be encouraged to make a better effort of informing smaller government units of the rebate and incentive programs that specifically pertain to allowable measures within the various eligible EECBG projects. This communication may take the form of a link on CEC Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant webpage that takes a viewer to a simple, two column, line-by-line listing of an eligible EECBG project juxtaposed to electronic links to IOU or MOU webpages containing information on specific rebates and/or incentives that align with the particular ECM measure. Placing more daylight on !

the financial resources available to smaller government units might motivate smaller agencies to think more positively (and hopefully) of the impact of their prospective strategies, as opposed to the [REDACTED] facial expressions that were held by many in attendance at the workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

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Aside from a reluctant acknowledgement that changing toilet fixtures would save energy, and that such a project would be considered, it appeared from the Presenter's comments that there was a failure to clearly understand the connection between energy and water. Due to the positive impact on resources and budgets, both upstream at a water plant and on-site at the agency level, reductions in water use and the energy related to water use, easy-to-implement measures such as installing high-efficiency urinals, toilets, faucets etc, should be communicated better as they would have a cost-effective, hard dollar savings impact on even modest energy-efficiency strategies. (In the least installing meters on these plumbing fixtures would make the user agency more clearly aware of its use, or waste, of energy consuming resources within its buildings.) I submit for consideration, a request for CEC to do the following:

1. Enlist better support from the Department of Water Resources and include staff from such in CEC activities pertaining to communicating and evaluating EECBG applications and ongoing project requirements
2. In the communications to small local government units, advise all prospective grantees of modest, yet effective water related, energy-efficiency measures that could be pursued under the EECBG program

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The Presenter indicated that smaller local government units would not be afforded the opportunity to obtain technical assistance in pursuing grants monies under the EECBG program; this in spite of it being acknowledged that it was anticipated that some small government units would not be applying for grant funds due to the administrative resources needed to complete the application, manage the scope of implementing an energy-efficiency project, and complying with the ongoing reporting requirements. All things that could be obtained via technical assistance, and for costs that would be comfortably within the administrative budget allocations established by CEC. Regardless of the fact that larger units of government, with larger staff and resources are allowed to obtain technical assistance, this was disappointing to learn. It appears that CEC intends to provide all of the technical assistance that all smaller government units could hope for; however, I submit for consideration, a request for CEC to do the following:

1. Require all prospective grantees to inform CEC of its intention to apply for EECBG Program funds
2. Have prospective grantees who indicate that they will not be applying for the funds to:
 - (a.) Provide a written explanation as to their reasons for not pursuing the Grant funds
 - (b.) The written explanation should be delivered to CEC no less than two (2) weeks prior to the application deadline date
 - (c.) The explanation should be on the agency's letterhead and signed by the City Administrator or Town Manager
 - (d.) The written explanation may be held in confidence; so long as CEC has a record to assist it in the reporting of CEC's comprehensive outreach efforts to the Federal DOE
3. After receipt of the written explanation, assign CEC personnel to follow-up and personally counsel the prospective non-responding smaller agencies on other programs and resources that are readily available at little or no cost such as the Energy Audit under the State Energy Program. That at a minimum, these small agencies should be encouraged to undertake. (This is not a simple referral to a CEC webpage).

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