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Please accept the following comments/questions on the draft guidelines for the Proposition 39 CCEJA:

The sole source prohibition may require districts to spend additional funds for retraining and stocking parts for more than one HVAC system or other energy management components. Currently, my district has standardized on Carrier HVAC systems and has invested resources in training staff and stocking parts for common repairs and service. If we have to use a process that prohibits specifying the same system, it will cost our district additional resources to implement this.

Is there a way to incorporate existing facility plans into this process? I am in the process of final DSA approval for two large portable classroom replacement projects. The district is investing in high performance buildings and has as approved HPI scorecard for both projects. The state is no longer allocating High Performance Incentive Grants (HPI) since they were an add-on grant for modernization and new construction, both of which have exhausted all program funds. Could the HPI score card be substituted for the energy audit requirement?

I am in the process of bringing an old auditorium back into service after many years of being used for storage. I would not have a baseline energy use comparable to a building in use to demonstrate efficiency of any energy retrofit projects within the envelope. Is there an alternative method for this?

If I need to move ahead with a project that also contains energy savings design and cannot wait for the December completion of the guidelines due to other timing issues, is there any way to submit for funding now?

Thank you,

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