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To: Vice Presidents, Administration

Re: Eighth Annual Energy Efficiency Partnership Program Best Practice Awards Competition

Colleagues:

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Eighth Annual Higher Education Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Best Practice Awards competition. Made possible by the Higher Education Energy Efficiency Partnership, this program is meant to:

- Highlight the achievements that the California State University and University of California campuses have made through innovative and effective energy efficiency projects and sustainable operations.
- Showcase specific projects and retrofits as models to be used by other campuses to achieve energy efficiency and sustainability goals.
- Provide campus staff with a valuable compendium of Best Practice projects that could be transferable to their campus.

We are soliciting proposals in the following areas:

NEW CONSTRUCTION OR EXISTING BUILDING RETROFIT

- Best Overall Sustainable Design
- HVAC Design/ Retrofit
- Lighting Design/ Retrofit

SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS

- Water Efficiency/ Site Water Quality
- Innovative Waste Reduction
- Student Energy Efficiency Program
- Student Sustainability Program
- Sustainable Foodservice
- New Category: Sustainability Innovations.

In conjunction with this year's conference theme of "Sustainability Innovations", we will also be awarding projects incorporating replicable best practices that are not eligible for consideration in other award categories.

CSU Campuses

Bakersfield
Channel Islands
Chico
Dominguez Hills
East Bay

Fresno
Fullerton
Humboldt
Long Beach
Los Angeles
Maritime Academy

Monterey Bay
Northridge
Pomona
Sacramento
San Bernardino
San Diego

San Francisco
San José
San Luis Obispo
San Marcos
Sonoma
Stanislaus

Please note that the California Community College system will not be participating in the 2012 Best Practices Awards competition as the CCC Board of Governors is launching a new energy and sustainability program this year.

We may select up to two winners in each award category, one each from the from the CSU and UC systems. Award recipients will be recognized at a banquet during the 11th Annual Higher Education Sustainability Conference, which will be held June 18th through June 21st at UC Davis. Awards may include discounts for attending the conference. The extent of these discounts is still being determined and will be announced as soon as possible.

We hope that you will encourage your staff to complete the brief nomination form that can be downloaded at www.cahigheredusustainability.org/awards and to participate in this opportunity to showcase your campus's innovative projects. Case studies detailing previous winners from CSU and UC energy efficiency awardees are available on the Green Building Research Center website at www.greenbuildings.berkeley.edu/best_practices.htm.

Please note that the application deadline is **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2012.**

Sincerely,



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