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FROM: Tom Epstein, President
Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

RE: 2020 Board of Governors Energy and Sustainability Awards

The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, in conjunction with the California Community Colleges / Investor Owned Utilities Energy Resources and Sustainability (CCC/IOU) Partnership, are pleased to announce the 2020 Energy and Sustainability Awards Program which recognizes leaders and excellence in energy efficiency and sustainability efforts at California community colleges throughout the state.

This year's awards will be presented at a future Board of Governors meeting ensuring high-level recognition of the recipients and promoting the ongoing efforts of community colleges on the path toward sustainability.

Nomination Submittals:

Email your nominations for the Sustainability Champion, Innovative project, or Faculty/Student Initiative on the attached nomination form by November 6, 2020 to Hoang Nguyen in the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office at hnguyen@cccco.edu.

Previous award or honorable mention award winners are not eligible for consideration this year, but previous submittals that did not win an award are eligible for resubmittal. In 2020, the awards that will be granted to the California Community Colleges will be the following.

Sustainability Champion

The Board of Governors will select an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and achievement in energy efficiency and sustainability efforts this past year. Nominations for this award will be accepted by the Chancellor's Office from the CCCs and Investor Owned Utilities for this award. The recommendation for the Sustainability Champion should include the name of the individual being nominated and the reasons for the nomination.

Excellence in Energy & Sustainability – Innovative Project

Districts will submit their innovative project on the attached nomination form which will detail the use and implementation of innovative technologies and progressive practices within their project. The following awards will be given in this category:

- Best Innovative Project – Large District
- Best Innovative Project – Medium District
- Best Innovative Project – Small District

Excellence in Energy & Sustainability – Faculty/Student Initiatives

The Excellence in Energy and Sustainability - Faculty/Student Initiatives award recognizes faculty and/or students who have excelled in developing sustainability initiatives for their college. The criteria for this award includes the creation of an innovative initiative that institutionalizes sustainability by integrating the initiative into campus operations and student learning or curriculum, engages the community in implementing the initiative, and has measurable results to demonstrate success. Faculty and student collaboration in the creation and implementation of sustainability plans are also eligible for this award.

The attached nomination form for the Faculty/Student Initiatives contains the detailed requirements and instructions for submitting these nominations. All nominated initiatives should be either in the implementation phase or completed. Nominations will be reviewed against the criteria to determine an award winner and two honorable mentions.

Judging and Selection of Awards:

Award nominations for the Sustainability Champion and Faculty/Student Initiative, and the Innovative Project in each category will be presented to the CCC/IOU Partnership Management Team for review. The Management Team will review the proposed awards and make recommendations to the Chancellor's Office for final selection. The Chancellor's Office will review the nominations, scores, and Management Team recommendations and will make the final determination of award recipients.

Award timelines:

- November 6, 2020: Deadline to submit recommendations for Sustainability Champion, Nomination Forms for Faculty/Student Initiatives Award, or Innovative Project
- January 2020: Awards presented at the Board of Governors meeting

Thank you in advance for your participation in the 2020 Board of Governors Energy & Sustainability Awards. For any additional questions please contact Hoang Nguyen at (916) 327-5363, or hnguyen@cccco.edu.