



**TO:** Chief Business Officers  
Facilities Directors  
Other Interested Parties

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**RE:** Board of Governor's Energy Incentives - Savings By Design

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The Board of Governors approved a Climate Change and Sustainability Policy in May 2019 in order to address how community colleges can meet the State of California's climate change goals. In order to help achieve the Board of Governors' Climate Change and Sustainability Policy goals, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office will provide an incentive of two percent for new construction and three percent for modernization projects. These incentives shall be applied to the construction cost component of the project budget. The Chancellor's Office has partnered with the Investor-owned utilities (IOU) to provide a state-wide incentive program called Savings By Design (SBD) to help achieve the incentive goals.

Savings By Design is a program facilitated by California's Investor-owned utilities and the program encourages the design and construction of high-performance, energy efficient non-residential buildings. Community college districts participating in California Community Colleges Capital Outlay Program are urged to contact their IOU to understand how they can maximize the energy performance of their new construction and modernization building projects through SBD. For districts that have State funded projects, please reach out to the IOUs in order to ensure collaboration from the initial stages of the project.

The SBD program incentives can also help California Community Colleges meet the climate change mitigation and sustainability goals, which were established by the Board of Governors Change and Sustainability Policy and Resolution. In order for State funded projects to qualify for the Board of Governors' energy incentives, all capital projects starting design in 2019 will need to outperform the current Title 24 Standards (California Energy Code) by a minimum of 15 percent. Similarly, all major renovation projects should outperform the current Title 24 Standards by at least 10 percent.

In order to apply for these additional dollars, community college districts must coordinate with their IOU to implement the SBD program. As community college districts integrate these incentives into their capital project plans, please also prepare to submit the following SBD supporting documentation for each of the project stages below:

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| <b>State Funded Project Phase</b> | <b>Savings By Design Supporting Documents</b>  |
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| Final Project Proposal            | <b>IOU:</b> Letter of Interest (LOI)   |
| Preliminary Plans Package         | <b>IOU/Architect:</b> Letter of Interest and SBD energy savings measures/methodologies (IOU or from architect team - Contact your Specialist if additional time is needed)   |
| Working Drawings Package          | <b>IOU:</b> SBD Owners Agreement or Letter confirming SBD Participation<br><b>District:</b> Confirmation/Certification that the project will meet the Board of Governor’s energy savings requirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District letter with an independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party stating project meets or exceeds</li><li>• Or Design Team UTIL 1 calculations</li><li>• Or Title 24 Report</li></ul> |

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