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# Memorandum

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**TO:** Chief Executive Officers  
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**FROM:** Scott Himmelstein, President, CCC Board of Governors  
Henry A. J. Ramos, Member, CCC Board of Governors

**SUBJECT:** Board of Governors Energy & Sustainability Award Program - 2012

The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges in conjunction with the CCC/IOU Energy Efficiency Partnership is pleased to announce a new annual award program recognizing exemplars in energy and sustainability in the Community College system.

The objective of the Board of Governors Energy & Sustainability Award Program is to highlight and reward excellence in energy efficiency and sustainability by Community College Districts, and to help motivate others to follow suit. Three awards will be presented on an annual basis in order to promote the ongoing efforts of Community Colleges on the path toward sustainability. Each year, the awards will be presented at a BOG meeting.

Award Winners will be chosen in three categories:

- **Excellence in Energy & Sustainability – District Leadership** – this award is designed to recognize *individuals* in District leadership positions who have excelled in conceiving, supporting, and implementing sustainability initiatives at their Districts. The criteria for this award includes leadership that has articulated a clear call to action, who has fostered a culture of sustainability within the campus community, was able to secure funding for initiatives, engaged the campus community in the planning and implementation, and can claim measurable results to demonstrate success. Additionally, the initiative(s) should be transferable to other Districts as a Best Practice.

- **Excellence in Energy & Sustainability – Facilities & Operation Projects and Programs** – this award is designed to recognize *projects or programs* that have been implemented at a District or campus that has resulted in more sustainable facilities construction and operation. The criteria for this award includes the development of a clear plan of action for the project/program, the ability to gain District leadership support for the project/program, secured funding and leveraged utility incentives or other grants to implement the project/program, and can claim measurable results to demonstrate more sustainable construction or operations of campus facilities. Additionally, the initiative should be transferable to other Districts as a Best Practice.
- **Excellence in Energy & Sustainability – Faculty/Student Initiatives**– this award is designed to recognize *faculty and/or students* who have excelled in developing sustainability initiatives for their District, both in and out of the classroom. The criteria for this award include the creation of an innovative initiative, were able to institutionalize sustainability by incorporating the initiative into campus operations, engaged the campus community in implementing the initiative, incorporated the initiative into student learning or curriculum, and can claim measurable results to demonstrate success. Additionally, the initiative should be transferable to other Districts as a Best Practice.

We are now soliciting nominations for awards in all three categories. The accompanying Nomination Form should be used by all participants and contains the detailed requirements and instructions for submitting proposals for evaluation. Nominations may be made for multiple awards or categories, but a separate Nomination Form should be submitted for each nomination. Awards will be evaluated against the criteria described above for each category based on submissions made on the attached Nomination Form. Travel to the Award Presentation at the BOG meeting in Sacramento for one representative from each award category will be funded by the Partnership.

This year's program will take place according to the following timeline:

- March 16, 2012 – Nomination forms due
- March 30, 2012 – Winners selected
- May 7/8, 2012 – Awards Presented at BOG meeting in Sacramento

All nominated initiatives should either have been completed in 2011 or currently in the implementation phase.

To be considered for this award, please complete and submit the attached Nomination Form by email no later than **March 16, 2012** to Dan Estrada, CCC Chancellor's Office at [destrada@ccco.edu](mailto:destrada@ccco.edu) For any additional questions please contact Dan at (916) 324-8901.

Nomination Forms can also be found at: <http://cccutilitypartnership.com/BOG%20Award.html>