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FROM: Pamela Haynes, President
Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

RE: 2021 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 (CCC/IOU) Energy Resources and Sustainability Partnership (ERSP), are pleased to announce the 2021 Energy and Sustainability Awards Program which recognizes leaders and excellence in energy efficiency and sustainability efforts at California community colleges throughout the state.

The 2021 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 Climate Action Leadership, Sustainability Champion, Innovative project, or Faculty/Student Initiative on the attached nomination form by July 29, 2022 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. Awards will be granted in the following categories:

Excellence in Energy & Sustainability – Climate Action Leadership

The Board of Governors will select an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and achievement in energy efficiency and sustainability efforts at the policy level this past year. Nominations for this award should be forwarded directly to the Chancellor's Office. The recommendation for the Excellence in Climate Action Leadership Award should include the name of the nominee and reason for the nomination.

Excellence in Energy & Sustainability – 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. The recommendation for the Sustainability Champion should include the name of the nominee and reason 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 district or college. The criteria for this award includes the creation of an 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 Climate Action Leadership, Sustainability Champion, and Faculty/Student Initiative, and the Innovative Project in each category will be presented to the Energy Resource & Sustainability Partnership for review. The ERSP 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 ESRP recommendations and will make the final determination of award recipients.

Award timelines:

- July 29, 2022: Deadline to submit recommendations for Sustainability Champion, Climate Action Leadership, Faculty/Student Initiatives Award, or Innovative Project

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- November 2022: Awards presented at the Board of Governors meeting

Thank you in advance for your participation in the 2021 Board of Governors Energy & Sustainability Awards. For any additional questions please contact Hoang Nguyen at (916) 327-5363, or hnguyen@cccco.edu.