

California Energy Commission
Attn: Commissioner Andrew McAllister
1516 Ninth Street, MS-31
Sacramento, CA 95814

February 19, 2015

Commissioner McAllister,

We are writing you in strong support of the California Lighting Technology Center (CLTC) at the University of California, Davis. CLTC is a public-private partnership that has evolved over the last decade. This partnership grew out of close collaboration between the lighting industry, California's investor owned utilities and the California Energy Commission. CLTC supports a diverse and integrated portfolio of research, demonstration, education and training projects focused on energy-efficient lighting.

As an active design-build energy services contractor in California, it is imperative that our company remain on the cutting edge. CLTC has helped us provide training opportunities for our technicians, via the California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program (CALCTP) certification, and is a go-to resource for information on new lighting and lighting controls technologies for our entire team. We have collaborated with CLTC on advanced lighting systems projects at UC Davis, Walmart and other projects. This has helped our team design and install the best lighting projects for our customers and advance the energy efficiency of their facilities.

CLTC is very effective in identifying and resolving lighting-related issues that could impede progress toward California's energy goals. Key to their success is the ability to bring together multiple parties and activities to achieve unified results.

Continued investment in CLTC and similar research centers offers California the opportunity to effectively address long-term energy efficiency issues that cannot be addressed as well through individual project solicitations. We recommend continued support for their efforts.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Stewart', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ben Stewart
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SmartWatt Energy