

California Energy Commission
Attn: Commissioner Andrew McAllister
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Commissioner McAllister,

The Department of General Services (DGS) is 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.

DGS established its Statewide Energy Retrofit Program to assist all state departments and agencies in meeting the energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals of Executive Order B-18-12. The Program uses Energy Service Companies (ESCOs) to identify, develop, design and implement energy conservation measures, the most common and visible being lighting and lighting controls upgrades.

DGS has collaborated with CLTC on a continuous basis to provide reviews of lighting proposals from the ESCOs on a wide variety of facilities and applications. CLTC's input is critical to ensuring the products and solutions implemented are the best choices for saving energy, improving the building environment for the occupants, and easing the burden of the maintenance staff.

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,



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