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Re: 2017 Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Best Practice Awards Competition

Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to announce the launch of the thirteenth annual Higher Education Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Best Practice Awards competition. This competition, conducted in coordination with the Higher Education Energy Efficiency Partnership, is meant to:

- Highlight the achievements that University of California and California State University campuses have made through innovative and effective energy efficiency projects and sustainable operations as well as student and other academic sustainability programs.
- Showcase specific projects as models to be used by other campuses to achieve energy efficiency and sustainability goals.
- Provide campus staff with a compendium of Best Practice projects for use on their campuses.

We are soliciting nominations for the categories listed below. Please note that this year, awards will be given again only to projects or people that have been nominated.

OVERALL SUSTAINABLE DESIGN - NEW CONSTRUCTION OR MAJOR RENOVATION

ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN EXISTING BUILDINGS

- HVAC Design/Retrofit and Commissioning
- Lighting Design/Retrofit

SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS

- Water Efficiency/Site Water Quality
- Innovative Waste Reduction
- Student Sustainability Leadership
- Sustainable Food Systems
- Sustainable Transportation
- Sustainability Innovations

SUSTAINABILITY IN ACADEMICS – The “Sustainability in Academics” Best Practice Award was created to highlight sustainability projects in curriculum and research and to recognize the important role faculty play in campus sustainability.

- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
- Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPION – The award is given to an individual person who has demonstrated sustainability leadership not only on their own campus but throughout their university system and/or statewide.

Nominations can now be submitted through the new online system. Further details and a link to the nomination website can be found at <http://chesc.org/awards/>.

We may select up to two winners in each award category, one each from the UC and CSU systems. The California Community College system will not be participating in the 2017 Best Practices Awards competition as the CCC Board of Governors will again be holding their own competition.

Best Practice Award recipients will be recognized at a banquet during the 16th Annual California Higher Education Sustainability Conference, which will be held June 26th through June 29th at UC Santa Barbara. Award winners will receive a discount on registration for the conference and complimentary on-campus lodging for the nights of June 26th and 27th.

We hope that you will encourage your staff and students to participate in this opportunity to showcase your campus's innovative projects. Case studies detailing previous UC and CSU energy efficiency awardees are available on the Green Building Research Center website at: http://www.greenbuildings.berkeley.edu/best_practices.htm.

Please note that the application deadline is **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.**

Sincerely,



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