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RE: Letter of Commitment in Green Innovation Challenge Grant

The City of Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley Innovation Hub are pleased to be a continued partner with College of the Desert (Desert Community College District) in the application. This proposal focuses on developing business-led partnerships to develop the most creative method of increasing current and future employment in the statewide specialties within the green economy. Our organization will provide strategic assistance in the successful implementation of this multi-county grant in coordination with the entire public-private partnership. Our vision is to support the development of a highly trained workforce with skills in green building, renewable energy, and energy and water efficiency. We believe this project will contribute significantly to furthering green innovation in areas of strength in our region. As a formal partner in this project, we commit the following in-kind and matching funds to fulfill the scope of work for the project:

- We will participate in an advisory capacity on the project amounting to \$24,000.
- We will provide classroom space and accompanying usage costs for the project valued at \$96,000.

The total value of our in-kind and matching commitment is \$120,000.

We view the combined efforts of these industry, government and education partners as critical to the long-term development of economic growth and providing the high quality critical skills needed by employees in this industry to expand these clean technologies. We look forward to working on this innovative workforce strategy to meet our region's economic, workforce and training needs.

I am the contact person for this project and can be reached at (760) 322-8350 or electronically at David.Ready@palmspringsca.gov.

Sincerely,

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