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Dean David Pearson, Ph.D.  
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Imperial Valley Campus

Dear Dean Pearson:

I am pleased to write this letter of support for San Diego State University's Jobs Accelerator Proposal.

CleanTECH San Diego is a nonprofit trade association focused on supporting San Diego's transition to a clean energy economy. We have a broad and diverse membership that includes private sector members such as Bank of America, ClearEdge Power, General Electric, Waste Management, Honeywell International, Synthetic Genomics, and Kyocera Solar, as well as local governments, non-governmental agencies, universities and world-class research institutes. The development of a trained energy management workforce that can take advantage of both new and existing commercially proven renewable energy sources is of critical interest to CleanTECH San Diego.

As a partner to the Imperial Valley EDC, CleanTECH San Diego is keenly interested in helping to development new opportunities in the Imperial Valley. Providing training to participate in the growing green and clean industry will be a critical component to improving the economic health of the region. Your creative and original concept to link the financial and intellectual capital found in San Diego with opportunities for demonstration, evaluation, and workforce development for projects that are likely to be sited in Imperial Valley is truly commendable.

I am delighted at your multi-disciplinary and collaborative approach that incorporates hands-on training opportunities, internships, and the flow of innovation from San Diego County to the Imperial County. In addition, I commend you on your leadership in including all the relevant political and industry entities in your planning to insure a successful project.

I am pleased to offer CleanTECH San Diego's full support of your proposal, and look forward to working with you in order to contribute to your success, take advantage of the educational and professional development opportunities, and provide a continuous pipeline for the flow of innovation and ideas with the cleantech industry in San Diego.

Sincerely,

Lisa Bicker