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Ms. Karen Firestein
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Re: USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant

Dear Ms. Firestein,

CleanTECH San Diego is a proud partner of the Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation (IVEDC) and is pleased to provide this letter of support for their application for the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant.

CleanTECH San Diego is a business association focused on accelerating the greater San Diego region's transition to a clean energy economy. We have a broad and diverse membership that includes private sector companies, local governments, nongovernmental agencies and universities and research institutions. Many of our members conduct business in San Diego and Imperial County. Our programs are designed to support early-stage cleantech companies, deliver value to the marketplace and ensure a workforce is readily available to meet the industry's needs.

We are excited to continue to work with IVEDC as they expand their Business Services program to include technical assistance to businesses so that they have a better chance of accessing capital investments. This service will ensure that companies are not only in a position to receive much needed investment, but are also able to continue to grow and expand the region's economy.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Jason Anderson