

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On September 25, 2014, we received an email from Karen Perrin, an Energy Specialist from the State of California Energy Commission. In it she explained that the Bright School Program, which provides free energy audits to schools, has received a high volume of applicants. Even though we have been in the queue for months, the long waiting list means that the soonest an energy audit would be scheduled would be January, 2015. According to numerous sources that deadline seems very optimistic, and if we rely on these free services we would be left in a holding pattern for many months.

As a result, I directed CPM to present us with a contract that includes the use of paid-for audit services. Though this will increase the “soft costs” of this project, this will also allow us to begin work much sooner on energy savings projects. In working with CPM, I am satisfied that getting these systems on-line as soon as possible will lead to deeper savings which should partly or fully offset the costs associated with the paid-for audit services.

The attached contract has been fully vetted by county counsel.