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Ms. Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary
NYS Department of Public Service
3 Empire State Plaza, 14th Floor
Albany, NY 12223

Dear Ms. Brillling:

The purpose of this letter is to provide input to assist the SBC in developing future programs. Hudson Valley Community College has been the recipient of a NYSERDA grant to help us to develop an accredited PV training program and obtain certification for instructors.

NYSERDA's grant allows us to train our faculty to provide a program in an emerging area. It allows us to attract new students, expand our offerings and, in essence, meet the demands of our mission which is to provide dynamic, student-centered, comprehensive, and accessible educational activities that address the diverse needs of the community. One area that we anticipate will benefit from our acquiring this grant is the Workforce Development branch of the college. This program will allow us to train present electrical installers on the skills needed to enter the photovoltaic field. Without this funding, we would not have been able to move as quickly as we have on this program.

Hudson Valley is recognized as one of the premiere institutions in the northeast for training students in the electrical industry. We have elaborate training facilities and modern equipment. However, without the grant, we would have delayed the introduction of PV training until we were able to fund it internally. The grant allowed us to up the timetable thereby meeting the electrical construction and maintenance needs of the trade groups that we partner with such as the International Electrical Workers (IBEW), Associate Builders and Contractors (ABC), the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and the Hudson Valley Alumni of the ECM Program.

More importantly, it has allowed us to work directly with our Workforce Development Department and our internal Office of Institutional Advancement to reach new markets and, in the end, enhance the image of the college.

We support the continuation of the SBC in order for us to maintain opportunities for our institution to remain current and support the skill needs of today's workers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann Marie Murray".

Ann Marie Murray, Ph.D, Dean
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& Industrial Technologies