

Physical Plant Management

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Re: Innovation Letter

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been the Energy Manger at CSUN since 2006 and involved with energy related projects on campus for 20 years. I helped manage the implementation, interconnection agreements, incentives and ongoing monitoring of CSUN's fuel cell and three Photovoltaic projects at CSUN. In the era of technology, being involved in the energy industry is exciting because there are always new innovations and inventions that are being developed.

This project is a proven innovation not only for our campus, but the prototype design can be applied for multiple uses, including commercial applications. These Solar Trees were designed at CSUN in our Engineering Department by a student team with a limited budget of \$1,000. This team was able to develop a low cost, deployable solar charging unit that can be used on a daily basis by our campus community but also as a source of power during emergencies.

Regards

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