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## **CalNEXT Offers Resources and Expertise to Energize Emission Reduction Programs**

*A statewide initiative will provide resources and support projects and ideas to help achieve California's climate goals. CalNEXT presents a great opportunity to energize ideas and create big results.*

**Oakland, CA (July 7, 2022)** – Building off previous successes, a new statewide initiative to help identify, resource, test, and grow emerging electric energy technologies is looking for new ideas and projects that will help advance California's mission to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045. The initiative, called CalNEXT, is a six-year program that will support and implement 170 projects. The program will focus on technologies and delivery mechanisms that have the potential to make major impacts to the investor-owned utility (IOU) energy efficiency portfolios while supporting California's decarbonized future.

The CalNEXT team brings decades of market development and technical expertise and will provide support and resources (purchasing units, testing, market support) to help get ideas and projects off the ground. CalNEXT collaborators include Energy Solutions, Alternative Energy Systems Consulting, Inc., University of California, Davis, TRC Companies, Inc., VEIC, and The Ortiz Group.

CalNEXT builds on the success of California's IOUs' previous emerging technology programs, which had led the nation in identifying and evaluating promising innovations. CalNEXT expands on this proven foundation as the program moves statewide and continues to support the state's aggressive climate goals.

CalNEXT's key objective is to advance California's priorities for decarbonization through emerging electric energy technologies that support new measures for IOU programs, generate energy savings, and reduce consumption as well as connect with hard-to-reach customers and disadvantaged communities. Project categories include technology development research and technology support research addressing appliances, HVAC, lighting, process loads, water heating, and whole buildings. Selected projects will receive technical and market evaluation.

Entrepreneurs, manufacturers, research laboratories, or energy efficiency program administrators are all eligible and can submit ideas or projects through the CalNEXT website, [www.calnext.com](http://www.calnext.com)

“This is a fantastic opportunity for programs to see their full potential, or for innovative ideas to come to life,” said Teddy Kisch, Fellow, Decarbonization Strategy at Energy Solutions. “By submitting a project or idea to CalNEXT, individuals and businesses will get the technical and market evaluation support they need, and they will play an integral role in California’s decarbonization effort.”

About Energy Solutions:

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