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**RE: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA UNIFORM
CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING COMMISSION**

Dear XXXX,

As current members and officers of the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission (Commission), we are asking you to join us in supporting the Commission with a contribution of \$2,500. This contribution strengthens the Commission's ability to ensure the fair and equitable application of the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (Act) as intended when it was enacted in 1983 --- more than 30 years ago.

Our industry has already experienced many of the benefits of membership such as; the creation of the Cost Accounting Procedures Manual that provides user-friendly guidance to local governments on the use of the Public Contract Code and the requirements for public entities to solicit bids. In addition, while the public sector was able to increase the formal bidding threshold to \$175,000, the Commission was able to hold the lower limits for force account work at \$45,000 thus providing more opportunities for bidding.

As a member of our industry, you have access to a Commission whose composition is fairly balanced between private and public sector representatives who have extensive expertise in the public works construction industry.

The educational efforts of the Commission and the industry knowledge of the Commissioners serves to:

- accurately prescribe the Acts statutory requirements and provide timely cost accounting guidance;
- settle accounting disputes fairly and expeditiously, often avoiding court, lost time and expensive legal fees by both parties;
- formulate responses to frequently asked questions;
- respond promptly to participant inquiries concerning the practice of and the requirements of the Act; and
- assess and recommend to the State Controller force account limits and bidding thresholds appropriate to the industry.

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Commissioners have volunteered their time since the creation of the Act by the Legislature in 1983, and except for the initial start-up costs, there has been no source of funding to promote and facilitate the Act, the Commissions important work, audits and public meetings.

Members of the contracting community have provided valuable support over the years for audits, outreach training, and other efforts of the Commission in furtherance of the Act. Your supportive funding will enable the Commission to continue to provide important services and training to public entities.

Your contribution will be used to: conduct cost accounting reviews with independent accounting consultants as complaints are filed, update the Cost Accounting Manual, maintain a website for easy access to the rules, work with the legislature, and periodically review force account and bidding rules to ensure that they are relevant and keeping pace with today's industry demands.

Please help us by making your check payable to the "State of California" and note in the memo portion "for CUCCAC".

Please send your contribution to:

State Controller's Office
Local Government Programs and Services Division
Local Government Policies Section
P.O. Box 942850
Sacramento, CA 94250

Thank you in advance for your support of this important work.

Sincerely,

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L. J. CLIFFORD, Chair