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**CPUC PARTICIPATES IN JOINT INFORMATIONAL HEARING
TO EXAMINE BARRIERS TO PROCUREMENT FOR EMERGING
AND DIVERSE FIRMS**

SAN FRANCISCO, October 19, 2010 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in its ongoing efforts to promote diversity in utility company practices, will participate in a joint informational hearing of the Senate Select Committee on Procurement to examine barriers to procurement opportunities for emerging and diverse firms in the investment management of investor-owned utility and public pension funds.

WHEN: Thursday, October 21, 2010, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

WHERE: Hiram Johnson Building, Milton Marks Auditorium,
455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco

CPUC Commissioner Timothy Alan Simon will be joined by State Senator Curren Price (D-Los Angeles), Assembly Member Steven Bradford (D-Los Angeles), and other invited members of the Legislature and CPUC, as well as executives of investor-owned utilities and other guests to highlight transparency, opportunity, and outreach efforts as it relates to procurements opportunities for emerging and diverse firms in the investment management and public pension funds and other financial services..

Representatives of industry, government, academia, labor, community-based organizations, and other interested parties are expected to attend the hearing. Members of the public are invited to attend; a public comment session will be held.

If you plan to attend and need specialized accommodations, please contact Douglas Phason of the CPUC's Supplier Diversity Program at 415-703-2280 or email douglas.phason@cpuc.ca.gov.

For more information on this event, please see www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/supplierdiversity/.

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