The E2e Project
Request for Letters of Inquiry on Energy Efficiency Research
Due: June 19, 2017

The E2e Project solicits Letters of Inquiry for innovative economic research on critical and novel energy efficiency issues. This solicitation targets evaluations of existing energy efficiency projects or programs within the U.S. and Canada using state-of-the-art empirical techniques such as randomized controlled trials or high quality quasi-experimental methodologies. The maximum funding request per project is $250,000.

The focus of this request is research proposals that contribute to new knowledge and insights on energy efficiency and its real-world impacts. Several sample areas of interest are:

- *Relationship between energy efficiency programs or regulations and innovation*
- *Evaluation of energy efficiency programs in the commercial and industrial sectors*
- *Size of the energy efficiency gap*
- *Welfare consequences of energy efficiency investments*
- *Market opportunities to catalyze energy efficiency investment*

Eligibility: Eligibility will be restricted to faculty proposing economic research on energy efficiency issues within North America.

Process: LOIs must be submitted to the E2e Project by June 19, 2017. A Review Committee will screen the submittals and a small set of projects will be selected and invited to submit a complete proposal to E2e by early September 2017. These invited proposals will be reviewed and potentially recommended for funding to the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation before the end of the year.

Applications: LOIs are due by 8:00am PDT on Monday, June 19, 2017.
Please submit proposals to Cristina Bentley: cristina_bentley@berkeley.edu with subject heading: E2e LOI – <Researcher's name>

Complete submission packages include: (1) a completed Sloan Foundation Proposal cover sheet, available here and (2) an accompanying Letter of Inquiry written in 12-point font and no more than two single-spaced pages in length (excluding CVs, references, and partnership letters). Each Letter of Inquiry *must* contain the following format:

1. Project title
2. Name and CV of Principal investigator(s)

3. Specific research questions and objectives of the project
4. The letter of inquiry should clearly describe the underlying project and the evaluation, including (i) a summary of the policy problem that motivates this research, and (ii) a description of the treatment, evaluation design, target population, and implementing partners.
5. A 150-200 word abstract of the study. The abstract should include information on the hypotheses to be examined, research methodology, and the outcomes that will be measured.
6. A rough budget for the proposed project (maximum funding request is $250,000, to be spent over 2 years). Allowed covered expenses include:
   a. Up to one month faculty summer salary capped at $25,000 per year
   b. Graduate student researcher support
   c. Access to data
   d. Project-required travel
   e. Research-related support staff
   f. Indirect overhead expenses capped at 15% of direct costs
7. A rough estimate of the duration of the proposed project.
8. Identify potential research partners.
9. References, if appropriate
10. Brief CV of key project personnel (no more than 2 pages per person)
11. Partnership letters of support, if appropriate