## Energy Efficiency (EE) Workforce Education & Training (WE&T) and Workforce Standards Evaluations

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<u>CPUC Workforce Standards Evaluation</u> - This report summarizes the findings and recommendations resulting from Opinion Dynamics's evaluation of the implementation and impacts of Workforce Standards-a minimum requirement for HVAC and Advanced Lighting Controls technicians and contractors to install, diagnose, or repair electrical equipment.

<u>CPUC Workforce Education and Training Program Evaluation Report</u> - This report is an evaluation of the CPUC's WE&T Program, specifically the IEET Collaborations implemented by the California Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) and third-party collaborators in the state.

<u>WE&T K–12 Career Connections Evaluation – This report assesses the evaluability of the third-party Energy is Everything (EisE) program which is part of the Career Connections sub-program.</u>

WE&T and Installation Improvement Evaluation Report - This report assesses the effectiveness of WE&T HVAC trainings and their impact on participating HVAC professionals; identifies any connections between trainings and improved HVAC installation practices; highlights any potential energy savings that may result from these sorts of trainings; and recommends improvements to HVAC trainings that will be offered through WE&T Programs the future.

<u>Deliverable 29: Career and Workforce Readiness Energize Careers Process Evaluation – This report assesses the evaluability of the statewide third-party Energize Careers Program which falls in the WE&T portfolio</u>

of programs. The Energize Careers program falls within the CWR program component.

<u>Workforce Standards Evaluation Report</u> - This report summarizes the findings and recommendations from the evaluation of the implementation and impacts of Workforce Standards – a minimum requirement for HVAC and Advanced Lighting Controls technicians and contractors to install, diagnose, or repair electrical equipment.

<u>California Water Heating Market Study: Contractor Business Models, Training, and Electrification</u> - This study aims to help the CPUC gain a strategic understanding of the state's water heater market, including business models, pricing strategies, hiring practices, contractor behaviors, and the current training landscape.

<u>WE&T and Installation Improvement Evaluation</u> - This report highlights findings from an evaluation designed to examine how HVAC trainings are offered and whether they lead to increased knowledge and skills amongst those who participate.