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Re: (EPA) *Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition*, Iowa City Letter of Intent- **Accelerating Methane Capture and Renewable Natural Gas Adoption at Wastewater Facilities in Eastern Iowa**

Dear Cedar Rapids Water Division team,

The City of Iowa City is pleased to provide this Letter of Intent to support the Cedar Rapids Water Division in responding to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition*.

Cedar Rapids is requesting a federal grant award of \$125,001,625 to support the **Accelerating Methane Capture and Renewable Natural Gas Adoption at Wastewater Facilities in Eastern Iowa**, which proposes the integration of anaerobic biodigester systems at both the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City wastewater treatment facilities to capture methane from biogas production. Captured methane will be cleaned and injected into the natural gas grid as renewable natural gas (RNG), to reduce reliance on non-renewable natural gas to support the activities of industries and households within the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City communities and surrounding region.

This application will be submitted as a coalition comprised of Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, with Cedar Rapids as the lead applicant and Iowa City as the subrecipient. Iowa City signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) outlining their commitment to the coalition and agreement on how funding will be distributed. This signed MOA will be included in the application upon submission.

Iowa City firmly believes this initiative will advance the U.S. EPA's mission to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as methane, carbon dioxide, and nitrous oxide, and anticipate the proposed projects will bring meaningful public health benefits to the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City communities.

Sincerely,

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