



U.S Environmental Protection Agency Office
of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund 1200
Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC
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Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

RE: Letter of Commitment for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

To Whom It May Concern,

Resilient Buildings Group (RBG) is committed to partnering with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and other partner organizations for the proposed New England Heat Pump Accelerator program. This five-year program will create mid-stream incentives at the distributor level to encourage the full replacement of HVAC and water heating systems across Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

RBG has served as Energy Efficiency Expeditors within the NHSaves Commercial and Industrial programs for over 7 years. Our efforts have been instrumental in guiding hundreds of projects toward achieving energy-efficient outcomes, consequently qualifying for NHSaves incentives. Through our Expediting function within the NHSaves programs, we strive to reduce barriers for customers and contractors, facilitating their participation by:

- Conducting outreach to customers and contractors to promote energy efficiency programs.
- Advising on and promoting qualifying equipment and measures during project planning stages.
- Completing NHSaves applications accurately and efficiently.
- Ensuring all necessary documentation is completed and included in the incentive application.
- Conducting post-installation inspections to verify the installation of proposed equipment and efficiency measures.

While NHSaves currently offers incentives for qualifying heat pumps, the existing incentives, set at \$250 per ton of output, are insufficient to effectively stimulate the market. Given the significant costs associated with adopting air-source heat pumps, this technology, despite its proven economic and environmental benefits, remains out of reach for most homeowners in New Hampshire.

Efficient cold-climate heat pumps can reduce energy costs and offer substantial emissions and health improvements for New England residents. Because of this, many states, including New Hampshire, have prioritized the installation of heat pumps through state policy and energy efficiency rebates. At the same time, there is a gap in the workforce needs. Leveraging the distributor network can increase contractor adoption of heat-pump technology and bring these benefits to customers.

RBG is aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design and manage the proposed program to advance environmental and public health issues in the region. Because of our experience working in the NHSaves programs, RBG is well-positioned to support the design and implementation of the program, including connecting the benefits of the program to low-income and disadvantaged communities. Therefore, RBG agrees to work in our region to support deployment and community engagement of the program.

- We agree to provide input in public comments where needed and participate fully in any advisory councils or working groups where the program is discussed.
- We agree to support the coalition partners in achieving meaningful involvement from community and labor groups when our expertise and networks may be helpful.

Should this funding request be successful, we look forward to working with you on this valuable project beginning in mid-2024. Please let us know how we may be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chase Pennoyer', written over a horizontal line.

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