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U.S Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford CT 06106-5127

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

To Whom It May Concern,

Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) is committed to partnering with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) and other partner organizations for the proposed five-year *New England Heat Pump Accelerator*. The Accelerator will achieve these goals through a three-pronged strategy designed to activate the supply chain, scale solutions to the specific barriers that low- and moderate-income (LMI) households and disadvantaged communities face in adopting heat pumps, and share data and educational resources across the region.

Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP), a regional non-profit with a mission to advance energy efficiency in the public interest, is pleased to support the New England Heat Pump Accelerator. This project aligns well with NEEP's mission to assist the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic region to reduce building sector energy consumption and carbon emissions and support an affordable, equitable clean energy transition through market transformation, community-led solutions, and replicable program and business models.

Replacing building technologies that use fossil fuels with those that use electricity is critical for states to achieve their aggressive long-term greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals. Heat pump technologies offer households and businesses opportunities to reduce and eliminate these emissions. Electrifying heating also improves indoor air quality, and reduces risks related to combustion, creating safer and healthier buildings. NEEP has spearheaded a heating electrification Initiative for the past 10+ years, through which we work to accelerate market adoption of high-efficiency residential and commercial heat pumps for space- and water heating through multi-sector stakeholder collaboration. Informed by this collaborative network, NEEP develops strategies, tools, and resources for key stakeholders such as policy makers, program administrators, advocates, and industry to implement through their unique market channels. Chief among these tools is our [Cold Climate Air Source Heat Pump Specification and Product List \(ccASHP list\)](#), a leading industry database that includes high efficiency ducted and ductless residential, VRF, and PTHPs, and that offers the only source of extended performance data for all manufacturers and products. In addition to the list, NEEP convenes several working groups and advisory groups of regional and national stakeholders, including manufacturers, distributors, utilities, program administrators, energy offices and advocates, to address key market barriers to market transformation.



We believe that the regional approach taken through this proposal is essential to its success as a market transformation initiative. As a regional energy efficiency organization, NEEP works through strategic collaboration with state and local governments, businesses and manufacturers, utilities and program administrators, and community leaders across the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic region. These collaborations help to innovate, scale up public policy and market solutions, and access the knowledge needed to reduce building sector energy consumption and emissions while transitioning to a robust, equitable clean energy economy. We plan to use our core technical expertise and to leverage our vast, regional and national networks to engage with and support the Accelerator. NEEP will help Accelerator members identify pathways for cross regional collaboration, both to equitably grow the heat pump workforce and to overcome barriers to LIDAC communities. NEEP has served as a convener and technical expert for states and communities across the region, and is excited to work with CT DEEP on a New England-specific initiative to complement all the existing energy efficiency and electrification efforts in the region.

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,

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