

March 18, 2024

Phil Roos, Director
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
525 West Allegan Street
Lansing, MI 48933

Re: SEMCOG Support for the State of Michigan's CPRG Implementation Grant General Competition Application, (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Director Roos,

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, confirms our partnership with the State of Michigan and the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) in response to EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07. SEMCOG's regional Priority Climate Action Plan supports the statewide objectives to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and site renewable energy through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program. With EGLE's proposed Renewables Ready Communities Program, the Renewables Ready Communities Awards and the Brownfield Renewable Energy Pilot Program will unlock significant GHG emissions in the near term, provide substantial community benefits in equity and environmental justice focus areas, and improve capacity and technical expertise in renewable energy siting statewide.

SEMCOG is a regional planning partnership that supports coordinated local planning among over 180 units of local government across seven counties in Southeast Michigan. Through the CPRG grant program period, we anticipate collaborating with the State to encourage Southeast Michigan's local governments to submit proposals for the Renewable Ready Communities Award program and Brownfield Renewable Energy Pilot Program. To help ensure these goals are met, our commitment extends to offering support with outreach and communications, providing interested applicants with relevant resources, aligning opportunities for regional coordination.

Given the State's demonstrated commitment to implementing equitable climate policies, we have full confidence in their ability to achieve the objectives laid out in the application. Furthermore, this initiative will stimulate increased investment in renewable energy projects critical to achieving the State's climate objectives. We are enthusiastic about partnering with the State of Michigan to connect the nationwide goals of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with the regional needs of Southeast Michigan through this pivotal program.

Sincerely,



Amy O'Leary
Executive Director