

3/13/2024

Katrina Kessler, Commissioner  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Road  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Subject: Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) Support of the State Minnesota's CPRG Coalition Proposal for Equitable Residential Decarbonization (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Commissioner Kessler,

CERTs plan to partner with the State of Minnesota, including the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and other state agencies involved in the proposal, to implement the suite of equitable residential decarbonization programs in your agency's proposal.

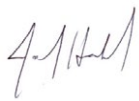
This proposal focuses on CEJST/ Justice40 Communities across the state. I can speak to the manufactured home segment that CERTs hopes to contribute to as much as possible: It will partner with Native Nations (both job training and projects), resident owned cooperatives (both job training and projects) and over 4000 homes in 70 parks within CEJST/Justice40 tracts that will receive "weatherization lite" services.

We anticipate participating in the proposed work through active engagement in developing and refining programming to effectively deliver on the purpose of ensuring low-income and disadvantaged communities are centered and prioritized in the work of decarbonizing all homes in Minnesota. At a minimum, this means we will:

- actively participate in the four annual convenings described in the proposal,
- share information and resources from state and local government into the communities we serve to build awareness about programs and home decarbonization opportunities,
- share information from the communities we serve to state program staff and relevant local government staff as part of program development and to improve programming and results over time.
- Contribute in specific ways identified through our engagement with this process and work

CERTs is excited about equitable residential decarbonization work because it aligns with our mission. I know that all of the partners assembled in the manufactured home segment of Minnesota's proposal are capable and thrilled at the opportunity this proposal has to significantly reduce energy burden and lower carbon emissions. Over the last several years CERTs has worked with nearly 50 parks and over 2,500 homes; we know that the projects outlined in this proposal are doable and desperately needed by residents.

Sincerely,



Joel Haskard 612-625-8759: [haska004@umn.edu](mailto:haska004@umn.edu)

CERTs Co-director, University of Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships  
411 Borlaug Hall, 1991 Upper Buford Circle, St. Paul, MN 55108