

## Attachment H. Team Biographies

### ELLIE KAHN

*Program Manager, Communities and Local Governments, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority*

#### Key professional experience

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)	Program Manager, Communities and Local Governments	2023-current
City of New York, Mayor's Office of Climate & Environmental Justice	Senior Policy Advisor, Clean Energy	2017-2023
Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health	Assistant Director of Special Projects	2013-2017

#### Relevant Expertise

Ellie will support the coordination of all NYSERDA proposal activities and will serve a lead role in the Bid Specs and Group Purchasing Program measure. Ellie has over 10 years' experience in energy and environment. Her role at NYSERDA focuses on supporting local governments within New York State to harness the unique local powers in a home rule state to increase adoption of emissions reduction strategies. Currently, she works on NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities program, which provides technical assistance and clear pathways for local governments to address emissions from government operations as well as from the greater community. Ellie will leverage the existing relationships with the over 900 local governments participating in Clean Energy Communities to implement CPRG-funded programs.

Her previous experience working on local legislation, public sector procurements, decarbonization programs, and regulatory proceedings on behalf of the largest local government in New York State, the City of New York, puts her in a prime position to implement the measures included here. For example, Ellie designed a local law requiring solar and/or green roofs on all new buildings in New York City and supported the implementation of New York City's landmark energy efficiency law, Local Law 97, which requires buildings to reduce operational emissions until eventually approaching net zero. Ellie also designed and implemented community programs, with a focus on energy equity and incorporating energy into programs with other primary objectives, such as coastal resiliency or low-income homeownership. This program and policy development required financial modeling, greenhouse gas emissions analyses, structured consultations with stakeholders, and a deep understanding of municipal procurement processes in New York. In previous roles, Ellie also supported the implementation of and reporting on federal grant awards.

#### Education

City University of New York	Master's Certificate	Workplace Democracy and Community Ownership	2022
Columbia University School of International & Public Affairs	MPA	Environmental Policy	2017
New York University	BA	Individualized Study	2009

# KELLY TYLER

*Director, Communities and Local Governments, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority*

## Key professional experience

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)	Director, Communities and Local Government; Program Manager/Senior Project Manager, Economic Development & Community Outreach	2002-current
Buffalo Niagara Partnership	Manager, Business and Workforce Development	1999-2002
Amherst Chamber of Commerce	Vice President of Operations	1996-1999

## Relevant Expertise

Kelly Tyler will support the overall implementation of all proposal activities, with a particular focus on programs that serve local governments.

Kelly has decades of experience supporting the clean energy transition, currently leading NYSERDA's efforts to engage local governments in the clean energy transition. Kelly oversees the Clean Energy Communities program, which is actively engaged with over 900 local governments in New York State, covering over 90% of the state's population, to encourage local governments to advance emissions reductions projects and local policies across the buildings, energy, and transportation sectors. Kelly also has experience with economic development within the clean energy sector and implementing community outreach programs.

Kelly also serves on the steering committee of the Sustainable States Network, which aims to connect and align state-wide sustainability programs that support local governments, enable its members to share resources and best practices, foster the success of local sustainability initiatives, and collaborate on projects that advance shared goals. In 2023, Kelly was awarded the Climate Champion Award at the U.S. Green Building Council New York Upstate Leadership Awards.

## Education

Medaille University	MBA	Business Administration	2007
Buffalo State University	BA	Public Communication and English	1995

## JASON DOLING

*Vice President, Communities and Partnerships, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority*

### Key professional experience

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)	VP, Communities and Partnerships; Assistant Director, Distributed Energy Resources; Senior Project Manager	2009-current
NYS Foundation for Science, Technology and Innovation	Director of Business Development; Manager	1999-2009
PricewaterhouseCoopers	Senior Associate	1996-1999

### Relevant Expertise

Jason Doling will provide operational and executive oversight of all proposed NYSERDA activities.

Jason oversees the Communities and Partnerships business unit, which includes dedicated teams focused on clean energy workforce development and training, clean energy siting, energy and climate equity, economic development, and communities and local governments. Together, this business unit addresses barriers to clean energy adoption focusing on partnerships, disadvantaged communities, economic opportunity, and engagement of key stakeholders.

Prior to joining NYSERDA, Jason was with the New York State Foundation for Science, Technology and Innovation (now part of Empire State Development) where he facilitated technology commercialization through industry and academic partnerships. Jason began his career at PricewaterhouseCoopers, and is a graduate of the University at Albany, SUNY.

### Education

State University of New York - Albany	BS	Accounting/Business Certified Public Accountant (ret)	1996
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# PAUL BEYER

## *State Director of Smart Growth, NYS Department of State*

### Key professional experience

NYS Department of State (DOS)	State Director of Smart Growth, Office of Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure (OPDCI)	2008-current
Office of New York State Governor	Special Assistant for Environmental Policy	2007-2008
Office of the New York State Attorney General	Assistant Attorney General/Health Care Bureau	2003-2007

### Relevant Expertise

Paul has developed and overseen Smart Growth programming at the Department of State (DOS) Office of Planning, Development, and Community Infrastructure (OPDCI) throughout his 15 years in the position of State Smart Growth Director. He created the State's first smart growth grant program, contained within the State's Environmental Protection Fund, and used the funds to develop a variety of smart growth funding initiatives—currently, the Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning program, which funds municipal-wide and area plans and zoning ordinances, and the Countywide Resiliency Planning program, which addresses climate resiliency and adaptation on the county level. Paul represented DOS in the development of the State's Climate Action Council Scoping Plan, helping develop the plan's land use components and ensuring that smart growth was a central component of the Plan and state policy in general. Because smart growth is multi-disciplinary and multi-dimensional, requiring collaboration among many agencies and stakeholders, Paul's expansive experience in these inter-agency initiatives will assist in the coordination necessary for the Smart Growth Acceleration Program. Paul has also handled land use cases as an attorney and developed land use, development and environmental policy as a staff member in the New York State Legislature and the Office of the New York State Governor.

Paul also oversees an ad hoc Communications/Marketing Team at OPDCI, which communicates smart growth community planning and development programs and topics to the public through several venues—conferences, forums, educational materials, social media, press, speeches, and more. This will aid in the effective public outreach, engagement and education activities necessary to the development and implementation of the Smart Growth Acceleration Program proposed here for funding.

With this knowledge, experience and background, Paul will oversee the design and implementation of the Smart Growth Acceleration Program, incorporating best practices, public communications strategies and the latest research in the smart growth field. Paul will utilize and expand the expansive networks and relationships he has developed on the federal, state, regional and local levels to incorporate all components of smart growth into the program.

### Education

University at Buffalo School of Law	Juris Doctor	Law	1996
State University of New York at Fredonia	BS	History/Political Science	1984

## SUSAN LANDFRIED

### *Revitalization Specialist, NYS Department of State*

#### Key professional experience

NYS Department of State (DOS)	Revitalization Specialist, Office of Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure (OPDCI)	2021-current
Middle Georgia Regional Commission	Senior Government Services Specialist, Public Administration	2018-2021
Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments	Regional Planner, Government Services	2016-2018

#### Relevant Expertise

Susan will support the implementation of the Smart Growth Acceleration Program measure, including managing the support services contractor, coordinating the integration of climate pollution reduction measurements and other CPRG requirements into the program, and reporting on program status in compliance with NYSERDA's requirements. Susan has eight years of professional experience in urban and regional planning, having worked on various local, state, and federal programs in her planning positions in South Carolina, Georgia, and New York. Currently, she works on NYS DOS' economic and community development programs, which promote smart growth by providing funding and technical assistance to communities that are revitalizing their downtowns through the creation of dense and mixed-use neighborhoods, planning for and redeveloping brownfield areas in the community, and developing and adopting comprehensive or area plans or zoning to facilitate smart growth development.

In addition to managing projects and planning processes in her current role, Susan also developed, implemented, and currently manages the decarbonization component of the downtown revitalization programs, which require that many new or renovated building projects receiving funding through these programs meet higher-than-standard energy efficiency thresholds, with the goal of making many of these buildings carbon-neutral. Her previous work experience includes directly developing local comprehensive plans, designing and leading diverse community engagement activities, writing zoning ordinances, developing a regional green infrastructure inventory, and conducting the local management of and ensuring compliance with numerous programs and grants, including HUD Community Development Block Grants, USDA Rural Development grants, and FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plans, among others.

#### Education

University of Michigan	MA	Urban and Regional Planning	2016
Randolph-Macon College	BA	Political Science and International Relations	2007

# DAVID ASHTON

*Division Director, Community and Economic Development Initiatives, NYS  
Department of State*

Key professional experience

NYS Department of State (DOS)	Division Director of Community and Economic Development Initiatives, Office Of Planning, Development, and Community Infrastructure (OPDCI)	2019-current
NYS Department of State (DOS)	Revitalization Specialist	2005-2019
Organization	Manager. Planning & Development	1999-2004

## Relevant Expertise

David has designed, implemented, and delivered various community revitalization programs addressing smart growth, downtowns, brownfields, resilience, and sustainability during his 18-year tenure as both a Revitalization Specialist and currently as the Director of Community and Economic Development Initiatives at the Department. As Director, David worked to build a growing team of 20 revitalization specialists who work directly with local municipalities and some non-profit community-based organizations to undertake “smart” planning and targeted project implementation, through various programs, all with smart growth underpinnings.

Most recently, David assumed management of the Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning Program which has been met by strong interest and demand for a limited grant pool. Over the last few years, through the Department’s Downtown Revitalization Initiative, David worked with a team to incorporate decarbonization into the implementation of program projects working in concert with NYSERDA. In a previous role with the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation, David led efforts to foster revitalization and redevelopment around a significant regional transportation hub in Jamaica, Queens (NYC).

With this experience, David will oversee the implementation of the Smart Growth Acceleration Program, overseeing staff who will manage the projects and associated planning, zoning, and predevelopment processes that will be awarded to municipalities as part of this program.

## Education

Columbia University	Master of Science	Real Estate Development	1999
Connecticut College	Bachelor of Arts	Human Ecology & Anthropology	1993

# LAURISSA GARCIA

## *Contract Management Specialist 2, NYS Department of State*

### Key professional experience

NYS Department of State (DOS)	Contract Management Specialist 2, Office of Planning, Development, and Community Infrastructure (OPDCI)	2022-current
NYS DOS	Contract Management Specialist 1, OPDCI	2015-2022
NYS DOS	Program Aide, OPDCI Secretary, OPDCI Clerk 2, OPDCI Keyboard Specialist, OPDCI	1999-2015

### Relevant Expertise

Laurissa will support the implementation of the Smart Growth Acceleration Program measure, managing staff who will oversee procurement, contract compliance, payment requests, and administrative duties necessary to successfully implement contracts that will be awarded to municipalities, consultants and not-for-profits. Laurissa has a strong background in contract administration including 23 years of experience effectively managing contracts and programs on behalf of OPDCI. She is primarily responsible for the administrative implementation of five major grant programs, including the State's existing Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning program as well as various consultant solicitations and contracts. She has been involved with the initial development and implementation of several grant programs using various funding sources, including development of grant programs and requests for applications. She is responsible for reviewing contracts and related documents to ensure compliance with Department, State, and federal requirements. She provides interagency coordination and advises staff, grantees, and consultants on contract-related matters. Currently, Laurissa oversees a team of contract management specialists and program aides who undertake day-to-day contract administration work and provide assistance and guidance for over 620 grant contracts totaling over \$500 million.

# NINA HAIMAN

## *Program Manager, Clean Transportation, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority*

### Key professional experience

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)	Program Manager, Clean Transportation	2023-current
New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT)	Director, School Safety	2016-2023
NYC DOT	Deputy Manhattan Borough Commissioner	2011-2016
NYC DOT	Senior Policy Analyst, Commissioner's Office	2008-2011
NYC DOT	Senior Project Manager, Planning and Sustainability	2006-2008

### Relevant Expertise

Nina Haiman will support the Clean Mobility Program Expansion implementation. Nina is a Program Manager in the Clean Transportation group at NYSERDA. In this capacity she is involved with multiple clean vehicle programs, including the electrification of New York's school buses by 2035, and the implementation of \$85M in Clean Transportation Prize projects across the state. In addition, Nina leads the team efforts on micromobility.

Prior to joining NYSERDA, Nina worked at the New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) for 16 years in a variety of roles, where her work was centered on projects to reduce vehicle miles traveled. Nina worked on the launch of bike share and multiple bus rapid transit routes as well as the planning and implementation of protected bike lanes and pedestrian safety projects in all five boroughs of New York City. Nina understands the critical role of community in the planning of new transportation options and getting to yes, and has extensive experience coordinating with local stakeholders, including community-based organizations, tenant associations, school communities, faith-based groups, senior centers, community boards, and elected officials.

Nina's first role at NYC DOT was in the office that wrote the transportation portion of Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC 2030 sustainability plan, and she conducted the air quality analysis for that plan's congestion pricing initiative. She has a Master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University, where she focused on analyzing the emissions reductions associated with various transportation policies.

### Education

Rutgers University	MCRP	City and Regional Planning	2006
Wesleyan University	BS	Sociology	1999



## RICHARD MAI

### *Senior Project Manager, Clean Transportation, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority*

#### Key professional experience

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)	Senior Project Manager, Clean Transportation	2018-current
Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Associate Transit Management Analyst	2016-2017
The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	Grants Manager, World Trade Center Construction	2015-2016

#### Relevant Expertise

Richard Mai will support the Clean Mobility Program Expansion implementation. Richard has over 10 years of experience in sustainability and transportation. As part of the NYSERDA Clean Transportation team, he focuses on developing and managing programs to advance zero-emission vehicle technologies and strategies. Richard also oversees the Public Transportation and Mobility Innovation portfolio, which provides technical assistance, research & development, and demonstration support to reduce emissions from transportation systems and fleet operators across the state. Richard will leverage the existing relationships with transit operators, local governments, and community-based organizations to implement the Clean Mobility Program Expansion.

Prior to NYSERDA, Richard supported capital planning and forecasting at the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, where he helped develop the 2015-2019 Capital Program and coordinated with various departments to prioritize long-term needs. Richard was also a grants manager with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, where he helped oversee program coordination and compliance of a \$3.9B Federal Transit Administration grant for completion of the World Trade Center Transportation Hub. Richard also worked in environmental consulting including experience with brownfields remediation and community redevelopment projects.

#### Education

Columbia University School of International & Public Affairs	MPA	Environmental Policy	2013
Cornell University	BS	Natural Resources	2012

## ADAM LOMASNEY

### *Program Manager, Clean Transportation, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority*

#### Key professional experience

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)	Program Manager, Clean Transportation	2022-current
New York City Economic Development Corporation	Director, Aviation and Freight; Assistant Vice President; Senior Project Manager	2017-2022
Supply Chain Innovation Network of Chicago	Deputy Director; Project Manager	2015-2016
City of Chicago	Policy Fellow, Office of the Mayor	2014-2015

#### Relevant Expertise

Adam will support the Truck Voucher Incentive Program - Municipal Track. Adam oversees a portfolio of New York State incentive programs and initiatives that directly support decarbonization of the transportation sector and the State's climate action goals. Included in this portfolio is oversight of the current Truck Voucher Incentive Program (NYTVIP), which has funded over 200 electric or alternative fuel buses, trucks, and terminal tractors in New York State. Adam also oversees the recently launched New York School Bus Incentive Program (NYSBIP), which provides funding for zero emission buses and charging infrastructure. Adam also works to create enabling conditions for zero-emission medium and heavy-duty (MHD) vehicle deployment, for example, engaging in the Public Service Commission's Make Ready order for MHD charging, serving as an advisory member for the NYS Freight Plan, and performing direct outreach to industry.

Before joining NYSERDA, Adam was Director of Aviation & Freight at the New York City Economic Development Corporation, where he served as the City's administrator for the ground lease of LaGuardia and John F. Kennedy International Airports and successfully led a lease renegotiation with the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey in 2021. Adam was also NYC government's primary liaison with the Federal Aviation Administration and advised on local policy for helipad management and leasing. Adam's additional accomplishments included the co-writing of two freight plans: *FreightNYC* and *Delivering Green*; leading NYC's first RFI to gauge interest in MHD charging on city property and overseeing planning efforts for deploying \$25 million in capital funds for projects that would shift good movements from trucks to rail or maritime. Adam also worked for Chicago's economic development organization and in the automotive supply industry.

#### Education

DePaul University	MPA	Public Management	2014
Albion College	BA	Spanish, International Studies	2011