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

**RE: Letter of Commitment: Land of Sky Regional Council, Waste Reduction Partners
NC Department of Environmental Quality - CPRG Implementation Grant Application:**

The Land of Sky Regional Council's Waste Reduction Partners is pleased to commit to serve as a partner service provider for NC Department of Environmental Quality's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant implementation proposal. LOSRC's Waste Reduction Partners program has held a special partnership with NCDEQ over 20 years, helping North Carolina implement pollution prevention and Clean Energy objectives, meet a 30% energy use reduction goal for state buildings in 2015 and now working to address a 40% energy use reduction Executive Order goal for public buildings. WRP has worked under contract with DEQ's State Energy Office to support the institutional, business and industrial energy assessments, technical assistance, resource guides, follow-up M&V studies, and Energy Saving Performance Contracting guidance. In the past five years, WRP's unique statewide team of 25 retired engineers has assisted 242 clients to reduce energy use by 1.16 Million MMBtu (TBtu), cut greenhouse gas emissions by 105,646 MTCO_{2e} and save more than \$22.7 million.

For the term of the NCDEQ CPRG proposal, the LOSRC's Waste Reduction Partners will commit to performing up to 150 energy efficiency assessments per year in proposal's Building and Industry target sectors including state agencies, universities, K-12 school, community colleges, local governments, public water/wastewater systems, as well as industrial manufacturing across rural, LIDAC and urban communities statewide under contract with NCDEQ. Based on past WRP client performance, each energy assessment performed is projected to achieve reductions of 300 MTCO_{2e}/year, 3,004 MTCO_{2e} cumulative by 2030 and 15,925 MTCO_{2e} cumulative through 2050. This partnership/contractor agreement could also include technical assistance, resource development, and follow-up performance tracking and Energy Saving Performance Contracting support for DEQ's CPRG efforts.

The Land of Sky Regional Council is excited to work with NC DEQ on this unprecedented opportunity to advance decarbonization efforts in North Carolina, a state the has led the Southeast in energy efficiency, renewables deployment and clean energy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Albrecht".

Terry Albrecht, PE, CEM

Waste Reduction Partners State Director

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