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Louie Krak  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
400 Market St  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Letter of Commitment for Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Implementation General Competition (CPRG Competition)

Dear Mr. Krak:

The Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PennTAP) supports robust and climate-focused initiatives, such as the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's CPRG Competition. Formed in 1965 within The Pennsylvania State University, PennTAP has been awarded independent, State, and Federal funds (including consecutive EPA awards) for over 15 years, to provide on-site industrial energy assessments for small and medium-sized manufacturers (SMMs), at limited to no-cost. PennTAP's team of nine include Technical Advisors (TAs) and Certified Energy Managers (C.E.M.s) who work in field offices across Pennsylvania and identify opportunities for energy and pollution reduction through evaluations of manufacturing processes, equipment, and facilities, followed with a technical report outlining energy efficiency, pollution prevention recommendations, and implementation funding opportunities. In the last five years, TAs and C.E.M.s have completed approximately 300 industrial energy assessments and provided SMMs with over 500 energy efficiency recommendations and continue to verify completed project outcomes for implementation tracking.

Should the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) receive an award under the CPRG Competition, PennTAP is committed to providing a robust, long-term partnership to help implement the Reducing Industrial Sector Emissions in Pennsylvania (RISE PA) program. Throughout the five-year period of performance, PennTAP will be responsible for administering and managing the \$40,000,000 Small-scale Award Track (SAT), which will provide awards to SMMs ranging from \$25,000-\$400,000 to implement between 100 and 1,600 Greenhouse gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction Projects (GERPs).

In coordination with DEP, PennTAP will design the SAT evaluation criteria, application materials, and performance measures and will verify the GHG and co-pollutant emissions reductions achieved upon project completion. Additionally, DEP will allocate PennTAP \$4,000,000 to conduct energy audits that will help build and feed the SAT project pipeline. PennTAP's services and support are critical for allowing DEP to, more effectively and efficiently, administer RISE PA and ensure successful overall programmatic implementation. DEP lacks both the expertise and the staff capacity to administer the SAT, whereas PennTAP is perfectly positioned to leverage and augment their existing organizational capacity and experience to fill this role.



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RISE PA is critical to the success of Pennsylvania's decarbonization efforts, and PennTAP fully supports DEP's CPRG application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tanna M. Pugh".

Tanna Pugh

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