

Philadelphia Energy Authority
Attn: Emily Schapira, President & CEO
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Dear Ms. Schapira:

As President of PIDC (Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation), I am writing to extend my support to the Philadelphia Energy Authority as it pursues funding from the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program. The CPRG Program is designed to enable states, municipalities, tribes, and territories to: 1) implement ambitious measures that will achieve significant cumulative GHG reductions by 2030 and beyond; 2) pursue measures that will achieve substantial community benefits in low-income and disadvantaged communities; 3) complement other funding sources to maximize GHG reductions and community benefits; and 4) pursue innovative policies and programs that are replicable and can be scaled up across multiple jurisdictions.

PIDC is Philadelphia's public-private economic development corporation. PIDC is a nonprofit organization founded in 1958 by the City of Philadelphia and the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce to grow a global economy through inclusive economic development that ultimately achieves a high quality of life for all who live and work in Philadelphia. We offer flexible financing tools, a targeted portfolio of industrial and commercial real estate, and decades of Philadelphia-based knowledge to help our clients invest, develop, and grow. We also structure and invest in public-private partnerships for key City policy areas and development priorities. PIDC serves as a conduit for City, State, and Federal funds to help support economic development and growth across Philadelphia.

PIDC is also the master developer of one of the largest economic development projects in the City: The Navy Yard. Since 2000, PIDC has driven commercial and industrial development through a successful partnership between the City, PIDC, the Commonwealth, and federal partners. Today, the Navy Yard is home to over 150 companies and 15,000 employees and companies range from shipbuilding and traditional manufacturing, to cutting-edge cell and gene therapy companies and major industrial R&D facilities. The redevelopment at the Navy Yard is an example of how PIDC approaches economic development projects through three core lenses: resilience and sustainability, the future of work, and racial equity.

In collaboration with PEA, PIDC intends to participate in or directly assist in the design and performance of two Navy Yard projects that meet the CPRG Program's four goals – the Bus Electrification Project and the LED Light Replacement Project. The Bus Electrification Project will procure 8 electric buses to replace the current diesel-fueled Navy Yard fleet, procure and install two Level 3 charging stations, and upgrade the electric utility infrastructure to meet the project's power needs. The LED Light Replacement Project will replace all streetlights and pedestrian lights with smart LEDs throughout the entire 1,200-acre Navy Yard.

We look forward to playing a role in helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across Southeastern Pennsylvania with the goal of protecting human health and the environment as part of this transformative opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jodie Harris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

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