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Letter of Commitment for Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario Metro Area's CPRG Implementation Grant Application

Dear Mr. Joshua Lee

The Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN) is pleased to support the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario Metro Area's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) application. The application is led by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority / San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCTA/SBCOG), in coalition with the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) to achieve significant greenhouse gas emission reductions while delivering community benefits, particularly to the region's most vulnerable communities.

I-REN connects local governments, the workforce, and other stakeholders to a wide range of energy efficiency resources. We aim to provide equitable access to all the benefits that energy efficiency offers, including cost savings, throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

I-REN is a consortium of the three councils of governments, CVAG, SBCOG, and WRCOG, representing all the city and county governments in the metro area. I-REN has an existing framework to locally administer, design, and deliver energy programs across the entire region. The CPRG grant is aligned with I-REN's mission to bring valuable resources that directly benefit the Inland Empire's most vulnerable families. Measures outlined in this grant will help improve air quality, increase families' resilience and self-sufficiency, and ensure that they are included in the transition to a clean energy economy.

I-REN will do the following as part of the municipal building decarbonization measure of this grant:

- Provide technical assistance, feasibility analysis, and project management, including revolving loan fund (RLF) loan execution and disbursement.
- Assist eligible agencies in identifying projects, applying for and executing loan agreements, procurement, implementation of project measures, and loan repayment.
- Track and report performance metrics as well as direct and manage program implementers' technical services scope.
- Leverage the existing Workforce Education & Training Program in partnership with the Inland Empire Desert Regional Consortium for workforce development outreach.

We are a network of partners, including the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, the San Bernardino Council of Governments, and the Western Riverside Council of Governments, formed to serve the cities and communities of our region.



I-REN is pleased to collaborate with the regional team and fellow grant stakeholders in this proposal to advance our region's goals. Thank you for taking the time to review and consider our ideas.

Sincerely,

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Crystal Ruiz

Chairwoman

Inland Regional Energy Network Executive Committee