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Kim Shelley
Executive Director
Utah Department of Environmental Quality
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Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Subject: Letter of Commitment/Support to Partner with the Utah Department of Environmental Quality for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, Phase II Implementation Grants (NOFO EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Director Shelley,

The Intermountain Industrial Assessment Center (IIAC) at the University of Utah submits this letter of commitment/support for the State of Utah's application entitled "Beehive Emission Reduction Plan: Implementation Grant Program" in response to the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) No. EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07.

The University of Utah intends to partner with the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (UDEQ), Division of Air Quality (DAQ), to implement the StepWise Program in the Facility Energy Efficiency measure of the Beehive Emission Reduction Plan.

This program has been funded for the last three years by Dominion Energy via permission from the Utah Public Service Commission. The program has been tremendously successful at reducing emissions throughout Utah, but the funding source is no longer available. Funding from EPA will allow us to prevent the elimination of this program and continue to identify impactful energy and emission saving measures throughout Utah.

Upon notification of award, The University of Utah will collaborate with DAQ to establish program parameters and goals and design and implement the program to accomplish greenhouse gas reduction goals. The University of Utah will report progress and performance throughout the project period. The University of Utah will have strong, long-term involvement throughout the project.

We are pleased to join DEQ in this application and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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