



March 22, 2024

Maria Redmond
Wisconsin Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy
101 E Wilson St
Madison, WI 53703

Subject: Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Redmond:

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) supports the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General application (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07) submitted by State of Wisconsin Department of Administration through the Wisconsin Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy (OSCE). We are pleased to endorse the OSCE's efforts, as described in this application, to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through implementing measures in the Wisconsin Emissions Reduction Roadmap.

Given Wisconsin's proven success in implementing equitable climate policies, we have full confidence in the OSCE's ability to develop and achieve the objectives laid out in the application and believe they will lead to important emissions reduction while mobilizing collective power to address historic injustice, create new jobs, and spur transformative climate action. The State of Wisconsin, through the OSCE, has a commendable track record of effectively utilizing state and federal grants while actively engaging with low-income and disadvantaged communities. Under the leadership of Governor Tony Evers, his Clean Energy Plan, and through the OSCE, Wisconsin has demonstrated a strong commitment to achieving economy-wide carbon neutrality.

Throughout this grant period, we will work closely with the OSCE to further develop and deliver programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Our organization feels strongly about the need for collective action related to pollution reduction implementation. We recognize there are inherent environmental, health, financial, political, societal, and economic benefits to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in our communities. This funding will help Wisconsin rapidly transition to a clean energy economy that benefits all residents in the state.

Similarly, WEDC's mission is to support an Economy for All. This includes providing avenues for individuals, communities, and businesses to participate and excel as Wisconsin transitions to 100 percent clean electricity by 2050. The organization has a strong history of investing in innovative ideas to solve tough problems; decarbonizing is no different. WEDC recently lead the State's application to the US Environmental Protection Agency's Solar for All, a program that will bring the benefits of solar energy to low-income households across the state. This effort

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will catalyze aspects of the clean energy ecosystem including developing the project pipeline, upskilling and expanding the energy workforce, and engaging underserved communities and businesses, among others. WEDC is constantly looking for ways to uplift Wisconsinites and their goals; supporting the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant is another way to achieve this.

We are enthusiastic about partnering with the State of Wisconsin to advance the goals of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through this pivotal program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sam Ridders", with a stylized, cursive script.

Sam Ridders
Deputy Secretary and COO
Wisconsin Economic Development Corp.