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North America's Building Trades Unions

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May 15, 2023

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President, Louisiana State Building & Construction Trades Council
3515 North I-10 Service Road, Metairie, LA 70002

U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
Washington, DC

RE: Letter of Commitment for the "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations"

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Louisiana State Building & Construction Trades Council, I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in support of our partnership on the proposed project: "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations" under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740. The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Project, to establish a foundational approach for accelerating more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes in partnership with community organizations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and utilities.

Louisiana State Building & Construction Trades Council is excited to be part of this partnership together with the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and other partners. Louisiana State Building & Construction Trades Council represents 18 local union chapters in Louisiana.

Louisiana State Building & Construction Trades Council is committed to collaborate with the Project Partners in this effort and will provide staffing and resources to accomplish the shared program objectives over the 8-year grant period. (b) (4)

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Sincerely,



Andrew O'Brien Sr
President

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May 8, 2023
The Center for Planning Excellence
757 Main Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
Washington, DC

RE: Letter of Commitment for the “Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations”

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Center for Planning Excellence (CPEX), I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in support of our partnership on the proposed project: “Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations” under the Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0002740. The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Project, to establish a foundational approach for accelerating more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes in partnership with community organizations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and utilities. CPEX is a Louisiana-based non-profit dedicated to helping Louisiana communities achieve their full potential by developing plans, policies, and best practices that provide pathways to prosperity, climate resilience, health, and equity.

CPEX is committed to collaborate with the Project Partners in this effort and will provide staffing and resources to accomplish the shared program objectives over the 8-year grant period. (b) (4)

Sincerely,

Camille Manning-Broome
President/CEO
The Center for Planning Excellence

May 15, 2023

U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
Washington, DC

RE: Letter of Commitment for the "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations"

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Together Louisiana, I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in support of our partnership on the proposed project: "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations" under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740. The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Project, to accelerate abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for resilience in the face of extreme weather. HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community planning processes in partnership with community organizations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and utilities.

Together Louisiana is excited to be part of this partnership together with the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and other partners. Together Louisiana is a community-based organization representing more than 150 faith and civic institutions across our state, representing more than 250,000 Louisianans.

Together Louisiana is committed to collaborate with the Project Partners in this effort and will provide staffing and resources to accomplish the shared program objectives over the 8-year grant period. (b) (4)

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Sincerely,



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Together Louisiana



XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

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May 17, 2023

Mr. David Crane
Director, Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Director Crane:

On behalf of Xavier University of Louisiana, I enthusiastically support the university's participation as a sub-recipient on the State of Louisiana's proposed project: "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations" under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740. The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) project, to establish a foundational approach for accelerating more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategically planned investments in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes in partnership with community organizations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and utilities.

Xavier, known for its distinction as the nation's only Catholic and Historically Black College/University (HBCU), is a renowned leader in the STEM and health sciences fields. Xavier has consistently remained the number one undergraduate source of African Americans who complete medical school. As the university continues to be a powerhouse in expanding and diversifying the talent pool of underrepresented minority students, the proposed HERO project further boosts the university's role in advancing grid innovations, and engaging communities in the Gulf Coast region for nearly a century.

Given the university's contributions the nation's STEM research and education, Xavier is proud to serve as an active partner of the HERO project and committed to collaborating with the project partners in this effort. (b) (4)

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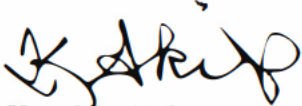
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Associate Vice President
Office of Research & Sponsored Programs

LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

May 15, 2023

U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

RE: LETTER OF COMMITMENT – “HUBS FOR ENERGY RESILIENT OPERATIONS” PROJECT

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of New Orleans, I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in support of our partnership on the proposed project: “Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations” under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740. The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Project, to establish a foundational approach for accelerating more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes in partnership with community organizations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and utilities.

The City of New Orleans is excited to be part of this partnership together with the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and other partners.

The City of New Orleans has ambitious renewable energy goals for both climate resilience and sustainability mapped out in our Climate Action Plan, which was adopted in December 2022. The HERO project will serve as an important catalyst to making our goals of installing solar on city facilities a reality.

The City of New Orleans is committed to collaborating with the Project Partners in this effort and will provide staffing and resources to accomplish the shared program objectives over the 8-year grant period. (b) (4)

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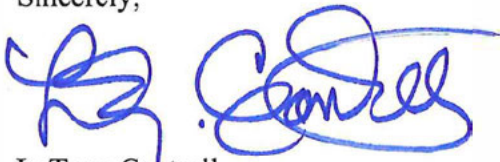
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "LaToya Cantrell", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

LaToya Cantrell
Mayor, City of New Orleans