

December 9, 2009

EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up Competitive Grant

Re: Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing this letter in support of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and their application for EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up competitive funding. CMAP is the lead applicant acting on behalf of the seven-county northeastern Illinois region and its local partners.

The Public Building Commission of Chicago, a municipal corporation, will upon Board authorization, endeavor to secure \$6,500,000 of private financing. These resources will be used to retrofit the Richard J. Daley Center with various energy conservation measures.

We strongly support the Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System proposal and their efforts to implement a sustainable energy retrofit program for the region. We believe that the implementation of our strategy will have substantial environmental and economic benefits for our region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Orestes Ruffin, MB Real Estate Services LLC, General Manager of the Richard J. Daley Center at 312-603-7980.

We are supportive of the team that developed the Chicago Regional Energy Retrofit Strategy, and agree to continue to work with the other implementing partners. The EECBG funding would provide seed money which would be highly leveraged in order to implement that strategy.

Sincerely,



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Re: CHICAGO REGIONAL BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY SYSTEM

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The Regional Transportation Authority's (RTA), a special purpose unit of local government and a municipal corporation of the state of Illinois, has programmed approximately \$28 million dollars worth of planning, capital and operating projects in the designated Chicagoland EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up region over the next three years. The RTA is distributing the \$28 million through the following grant programs: Community Planning, Subregional Planning, Innovation, Coordination and Enhancement (ICE) and Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC). Projects funded through these funding programs focus on improving local transit operations and planning for the improvements of transit station areas and transit corridors. Exhibit A details the projects and associated funding in the region. Of the \$28,077,337 in projects, \$4,994,547 will come from federal sources, \$13,379,502 will come from RTA funds, and \$9,703,288 will come from local sources. Between 1998 and 2008, the RTA also undertook approximately 60 planning studies in the Chicagoland EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up region.

This regional approach will bring together fragmented resources to create a comprehensive and accessible regional retrofit program. The EECBG Retrofit Ramp-up program funds will provide the necessary resources for program development and supportive systems, and the initial investment for financing mechanisms as an essential foundation for a comprehensive energy efficiency program. This approach will create the necessary efficiencies and economies of scale to develop a sustainable market for building retrofits across the metropolitan region for years to come.

Investing in the energy efficiency of our region is a priority for our organization and the region as a whole. The RTA, in collaboration with our Service Boards (CTA, Metra and Pace) is focusing on providing mobility options while reducing environmental impacts and improving energy efficiency.

I strongly support the CMAP proposal and their efforts to make a significant impact on energy retrofits in the region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at schlickmans@rtachicago.org or (312) 913-3220.

Sincerely,



Stephen E. Schlickman
Executive Director

EXHIBIT A

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants: Retrofit Ramp-up and General Innovation Fund Programs
Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System

Location (Recipient)	Project	Program	Federal	RTA	Local	Total
South Suburbs (Pace)	South Suburban Express Bus Network	JARC	\$1,050,000		\$1,050,000	\$2,100,000
DuPage County	Ride DuPage to Work	JARC	\$265,040		\$265,040	\$530,080
Chicago Suburban Region (Pace)	Centralized Transportation Call Center	JARC/NF	\$1,988,781		\$1,988,781	\$2,463,726
Kane County	Ride-in Kane	JARC/NF	\$1,690,726		\$1,690,726	\$3,323,053
South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association	Chicago Southland Transit Corridor Development	Community Planning		\$140,000	\$35,000	\$175,000
Will County	Will County Coordinated Paratransit Study	Community Planning		\$80,000	\$25,000	\$105,000
City of Joliet	Joliet Intermodal Transportation Center Feasibility Study	Community Planning		\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000
City of Des Plaines	Cumberland Transit-Oriented Development Plan	Community Planning		\$80,000	\$25,000	\$105,000
City of St. Charles	St. Charles Circulator Feasibility Study	Community Planning		\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000
Village of Menhatten	Manhattan Village Center	Community Planning		\$80,000	\$25,000	\$105,000
Village of Western Springs	Western Springs Downtown Plan	Community Planning		\$96,000	\$24,000	\$120,000
Village of Schaumburg	Village of Schaumburg Transit Service Assessment	Community Planning		\$80,000	\$20,000	\$100,000
Village of Glenwood	South Suburban Commuter Rail Corridor Land Use and Local Financing Study	Community Planning		\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000
Village of Bensenville	Village of Bensenville Transit Improvement Plan	Community Planning		\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000
Village of East Dundee	Dundee Crossing Transit Center	Community Planning		\$80,000	\$20,000	\$100,000
Village of Prairie Grove	Village of Prairie Grove Town Center and TOD Development Plan	Community Planning		\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000
City of Chicago, Dept. of Planning and Development	Transit-Friendly Development at Chicago Metra Stations	Community Planning		\$176,000	\$44,000	\$220,000
Village of Wilmette	Master Plan for Wilmette's Village Center and Linden Square Neighborhood	Community Planning		\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000
Village of Antioch	Village of Antioch Downtown Land Use and Transit Implementation Strategy	Community Planning		\$80,000	\$20,000	\$100,000
Village of Hinsdale	Village of Hinsdale Greater Downtown TOD Plan	Community Planning		\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000
City of Chicago	63rd Street Corridor Transit-Oriented Development Study	Community Planning		\$120,000	\$30,000	\$150,000
Village of Clarendon Hills	Train Station Redevelopment Phase 1 Implementation	Community Planning		\$80,000	\$20,000	\$100,000
City of Geneva	Downtown/Station Area Master Plan	Community Planning		\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000
Village of Lombard	Village of Lombard Downtown Plan	Community Planning		\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000
Village of Skokie	Skokie-Dempster Station Area Plan	Community Planning		\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000
Village of South Elgin	Transit Improvement Plan	Community Planning		\$80,000	\$15,000	\$95,000
DuPage County	DuPage Area Transit Plan	Subregional Planning		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Southwest Suburbs (Southwest Conference of Mayors)	Harlem Avenue Corridor	Subregional Planning		\$160,000	\$40,000	\$200,000
Southwest Suburbs (Pace)	I-355 Express Bus	Subregional Planning		\$240,000	\$60,000	\$300,000
Joliet Arsenal Development Authority	Southwest Will TMA Study	Subregional Planning		\$80,000	\$80,000	\$160,000
DuPage County	DuPage Area Transit Plan	Subregional Planning		\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000
Kane County	Kane County LRP Transit Component	Subregional Planning		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Southwest Conference of Mayors	Harlem Avenue Corridor	Subregional Planning		\$80,000	\$20,000	\$100,000
Pace	I-355 Express Bus	Subregional Planning		\$160,000	\$40,000	\$200,000
Joliet Arsenal Development Authority (JADA)	Southwest Will TMA Study	Subregional Planning		\$240,000	\$60,000	\$300,000
City of Chicago	South Lakefront Corridor Transit Study	Subregional Planning		\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000
Village of Hanover Park	County Farm Road/Gary Avenue Circulator Planning Study	Subregional Planning		\$360,000	\$90,000	\$450,000
Pace	Milwaukee Avenue Rapid Transit Planning Study	Subregional Planning		\$120,000	\$30,000	\$150,000
Southwest Suburbs (Metra)	Dempster Street Rapid Transit Planning Study	Subregional Planning		\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000
Southwest Suburbs (Pace)	Southwest Service Saturday Services (Operating)	ICE		\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000
Southwest Suburbs (Pace)	I-55 Corridor Enhancement Project (Operating)	ICE		\$340,000	\$86,000	\$426,000
Rich Township	I-355 Corridor Development Project (Operating)	ICE		\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
Village of Addison	Dispatching with Mobile Computers and In-Vehicle Technology (Capital)	ICE		\$146,000	\$44,000	\$190,000
City of Chicago	DuPage Local Circulators	ICE		\$2,326,140	\$1,859,388	\$4,185,528
City of Chicago	Bike-Transit Integration at Chicago CTA and Metra Stations (Capital)	ICE		\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
City of Chicago	Real-Time Arrival Information for Bus Stop Signs (Capital)	ICE		\$1,898,973	\$474,243	\$2,373,216
City of Chicago (Chicago Transit Authority)	Automatic Bay Reading System (ABRS) for Bus Garages (Capital)	ICE		\$1,280,000	\$320,000	\$1,600,000
Lake County	Lake County Northwest Circulator (Operating)	ICE		\$261,000	\$261,000	\$522,000
Village of Skokie	Skokie Swift Oakton Street Station Area Improvements (Capital)	ICE		\$1,297,989	\$324,347	\$1,622,336
			\$4,984,647	\$13,379,502	\$9,703,268	\$28,077,337

* JARC - Job Access Reverse Commute is a Federal Program administered locally by the RTA. Provides funding for transit-related capital or operating projects.
 * Community Planning is a program funded with RTA and local dollars, and administered by the RTA. The program provides funding and planning assistance to municipalities to prepare transit-oriented development and local transit improvement studies.
 * Subregional Planning is a program funded with RTA and local dollars, and administered by the RTA. The program provides funding and planning assistance to local governments to prepare corridor plans or county or subregional transit improvement studies.
 * ICE - Innovation, Coordination, and Enhancement is a grant program funded with RTA and local dollars and administered by the RTA. The program funds transit-related capital projects.



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December 7, 2009

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Re: Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System

To Whom It May Concern:

SBK New Markets Fund, Inc. ("SBK"), a subsidiary of ShoreBank Corporation, is pleased to provide the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) with this letter of support for up to \$25 million in New Markets Tax Credits towards financing energy improvements undertaken by Energy Services Companies (ESCOs) within eligible affordable housing properties throughout Cook County. The tax credits can be used to provide below market, flexible loans for installation of energy efficiency improvements in eligible low income census tracts.

The \$25 million in New Markets Tax Credits represents Phase II of this important initiative. Phase I, which is well underway will utilize \$5,000,000 of New Markets Tax Credits to pioneer this novel financing initiative. The New Markets Tax Credits will help generate an additional \$1.4 million in subsidy from JP Morgan Chase. These funds, combined with Program related Investments from Enterprise Community Partners and Living Cities and \$1,500,000 in EECBG and utility grants, will provide \$5,000,000 in capital for energy efficiency improvements for upwards of 3,500 units of affordable housing in low income census tracts in the City of Chicago.

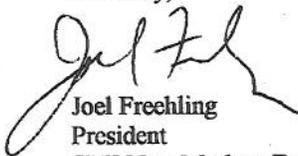
SBK New Markets Fund, Inc. is pleased to partner with the CMAP, the City of Chicago and Clinton Climate Initiative on this innovative financing structure which will reduce operating costs for low income housing properties; promote green collar employment; and facilitate private investment in energy efficiency projects in low income communities.

Our commitment is subject to:

1. Eligible projects being identified, appropriate investment agreements secured; performance guarantees obtained from appropriate ESCOs; and final agreements negotiated with eligible property owners;
2. Receipt of an additional \$25 million in New Markets Tax Credits from the CDFI Fund;
3. Completion of our full due diligence process including final investment approval by SBK's investment committee and obtaining the necessary tax opinion;
4. Such other terms and conditions as SBK New Markets Fund, Inc. determines through the due diligence process.

We appreciate this opportunity to work with CMAP on this important initiative.

Sincerely,



Joel Freehling
President
SBK New Markets Fund, Inc.



December 7, 2009

EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up Competitive Grant

Re: Chicago Regional Retrofit Ramp-Up

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I write this letter in support of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and their application for EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up competitive funding. CMAP is the lead applicant acting on behalf of the seven-county northeastern Illinois region and its local partners.

For the past fifteen years, The Field Museum—a private not-for-profit museum and science institution—has conducted participatory action research to help urban communities identify new solutions to critical challenges such as environmental conservation, housing, and health care. In particular we have focused on helping communities understand the connections between environmental and socio-cultural issues to develop action projects that benefit both people and nature. In 2008, the Chicago Department of Environment commissioned The Field Museum to conduct research in four communities around the city to identify effective strategies for engaging diverse residents in the mitigation and adaptation activities of the Chicago Climate Action Plan. To date we have completed studies in two communities. We are also working with the Department of Environment and its partners to translate the findings into action programs, including the recently launched Energy Action Network-Chicago (EAN). The EAN is building the capacity of community-based organizations in low income communities to help residents avoid energy service cut-offs, promote retrofit activities, and serve as environmental ambassadors.

The Museum's findings are resulting in programs that

- work through trusted community-based organizations
- encourage creative initiatives that link energy efficiency to broader community concerns (e.g., community heritage, youth development, affordable housing) and to development of sustainable, resilient communities
- address significant cultural barriers such as fear of gentrification and distrust of outside institutions, especially government
- involve the leaders of community-based organizations in developing the overall program including metrics for measuring success that evaluate both numbers (e.g., retrofits) and engagement
- build the capacity of community-based organizations to lead rather than just respond to climate action initiatives.

This grant application proposes to broaden both the type of research The Field Museum has conducted and the Energy Action Network itself, across the region.

The Field Museum agrees to provide leveraging in the amount of \$275,000, the value of the work that we are doing (described above) as part of the development of the Environmental Retrofit Strategy. These resources were provided through federal (USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station) and private sources.

We strongly support the Chicago Regional Retrofit Ramp-Up proposal and their efforts to implement a sustainable energy retrofit program for the region. We look forward to continuing to be an active partner in its implementation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach me, or Jennifer Hirsch (jhirsch@fieldmuseum.org) who is leading this initiative for The Field Museum.

By signing below, the Field Museum and CMAP agree to the terms of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John W. McCarter, Jr." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

John W. McCarter, Jr.
President and CEO
The Field Museum



December 8, 2009, 2009

EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up Competitive Grant

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The Northern Illinois Energy Project (NIEP) is a non-profit foundation dedicated to promoting energy efficiency throughout the ComEd service territory. Over the next three years, NIEP will leverage at least \$4,000,000 in funds to realize the goals of the Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System. As part of these efforts we will help fund a low-interest financing mechanism for retrofits and web-based approaches to behavior change, including a rewards system for confirmed energy savings that functions much like an air miles program. This \$4 million in leverage represents existing resources that NIEP has allocated as part of its current budget.

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December 11, 2009

Chicago Metropolitan Planning Agency
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RE: Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System (EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up Competitive Grant)

To Whom It May Concern:

It is Wells Fargo Securities¹ understanding that the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning ("CMAP") is submitting an application to the Department of Energy regarding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program, specifically the EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up Competitive Grant. In connection with such application Wells Fargo Securities confirms the following:

- Wells Fargo Securities has established a Sustainable Public Infrastructure group and is committed to developing and financing new transactions in this field, of the type proposed by the City of Chicago and CMAP.
- Wells Fargo works with thousands of communities across North America to promote economic self-sufficiency, education, social services, the arts and the environment. Since 2006, the Company has provided \$5 billion in loans and investments for environmentally beneficial business opportunities, including \$1.6 billion for solar and wind projects and \$3 billion to support LEED-certified buildings. Wells Fargo ranks #1 among banks and insurance companies – and #13 overall – in *Newsweek* magazine's inaugural Green Rankings of the country's 500-largest companies. For more about Wells Fargo's environmental initiatives, please visit: www.wellsfargo.com/environment
- Wells Fargo Securities has commenced, and is interested in pursuing, discussions with the City of Chicago and CMAP to finance up to \$100 million for an energy efficiency program which targets eligible commercial and governmental borrowers.
- The details of the program -- including final pricing formulae, terms, credit underwriting guidelines, bond issuance procedures, etc. -- are subject to our further discussions and formal agreements with the parties and our normal due diligence, internal review, and credit approval procedures.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Wachovia Bank, National Association

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Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

December 7, 2009

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RE: EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up Competitive DOE Grant
Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System

Dear Ms. Byrne (for submittal to the U.S. Department of Energy):

I am writing this letter in support of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and their application for EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up competitive funding. CMAP is the lead applicant acting on behalf of the seven-county northeastern Illinois region and its local partners. The objective of the Chicago regional proposal is to build a comprehensive energy retrofit program known as the "**Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System**" which includes strategies to build a sustainable business model to aggressively retrofit commercial, industrial, residential, and public buildings across northeastern Illinois.

The County of Will is a unit of local government in northeastern Illinois, and has identified approximately \$15,694,200 in retrofit or weatherization projects planned in its community during the 3 year grant period. The Cities of Naperville and Aurora will most likely submit their own letters of support with their projects and their respective funding levels.

The following projects have been identified:

The County of Will has allocated approximately \$495,000 in County government building retrofit projects utilizing EECBG funds.

The City of Joliet, located in both Will and Kendall counties, has identified \$638,000 in retrofitting existing traffic signals, and \$94,200 in low income winterization retrofits, using EECBG funds

The Bruning Elementary School in Wilmington is planning on spending \$1,250,000 for a boiler and air handling project, utilizing local School District Funds.

The Village of Bolingbrook, located in Will and DuPage counties, is using \$652,000 in EECBG funds to retrofit its HVAC system, to become more energy efficient.

Caterpillar, with a site here in Will County, plans to spend \$1,000,000 to retrofit its lights, \$3,500,000 to replace the steam heat system with an energy efficient radiant heat system, \$2,000,000 for point-of-use boilers to improve the efficiency of steam production and a minimum of \$6,000,000 to upgrade the 1968 Waste Water Treatment Plant and make it more efficient. Caterpillar will utilize their own funds; however they may apply to other funding sources.

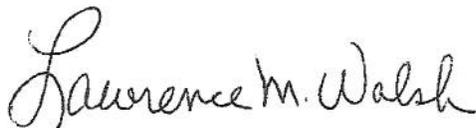
The Conservation Foundation at McDonald Farm, located in the Will County portion of Naperville, plans to spend \$65,000 to retrofit a roof with 2 KW Solar Panels that will also include Eco roofing material and gutters. This project is scheduled to be completed in 2010 with possible funding from the City of Naperville's SECA grant and DCEO and possible private funding sources.

Will County is confident that this regional approach will bring together fragmented resources to create a comprehensive and accessible regional retrofit program. The EECBG Retrofit Ramp-up program funds will provide the necessary resources for program development and supportive systems, and the initial investment for financing mechanisms as an essential foundation for a comprehensive energy efficiency program. This approach will create the necessary efficiencies and economies of scale to develop a sustainable market for building retrofits across the metropolitan region for years to come.

These projects will assist Will County and its communities, residents and businesses in creating additional funding for energy efficiency, thus enhancing what is already being done. This should create more jobs and less reliance on typical energy sources.

I strongly support the CMAP proposal and their efforts to make a significant impact on energy retrofits in the region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dean Olson of my staff at (815) 774-7891.

Sincerely,

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Lawrence Walsh
Will County Executive

December 8, 2009

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Re: Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System

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Blaylock Robert Van LLC a privately owned FINRA broker dealer, agrees to provide financing for the CMAP on a best efforts basis , up to \$500 million with an EECBG leverage factor of up to 10x. This financing will be obtained through the sale of tax exempt/taxable lease bonds and /or private placement of municipal leases, and would be based on contingent on market conditions and the credit profile of the financing participants. BRV professionals have completed municipal underwritings totaling over \$262 billion and have a high degree of expertise in this area.

I strongly support the Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System proposal and their efforts to implement a sustainable energy retrofit program for the region. We believe that the implementation of our strategy will have substantial environmental and economic benefits for our region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Craig Walker at 217-418-2005 / cwalker@brv-llc.com.

We are supportive of the team that developed the Chicago Regional Energy Retrofit Strategy, and agree to continue to be part of the steering committee/agree to continue to work with the other implementing partners. The EECBG funding would provide seed money which would be highly leveraged in order to implement that strategy.

By signing below, Blaylock Robert Van LLC and CMAP agree to the terms of this letter.

Sincerely,



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President



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December 9, 2009

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Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX) operates North America's only cap and trade system for all six greenhouse gases. CCX Members are leaders in greenhouse gas management and represent all sectors of the global economy. Reductions achieved through CCX are the only reductions made in North America through a legally binding compliance regime, with independent third party audit. Those who reduce below their targets have surplus allowances to sell or bank; those who emit above the targets comply by purchasing CCX Carbon Financial Instrument® contracts. We are excited to facilitate trading of credits that result from large scale energy efficiency program as proposed by CMAP.

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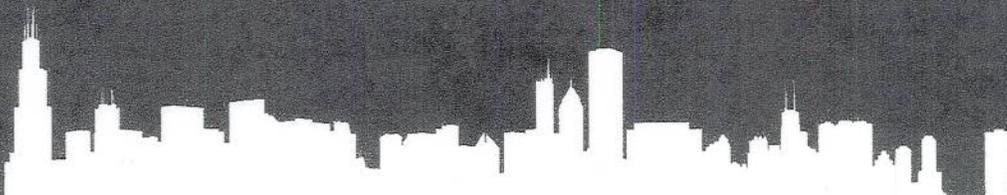
Sincerely,


Stephen McComb,
Economist,
Chicago Climate Exchange, Inc.

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Re: Chicago Regional Retrofit Ramp-up Plan

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The Recovery Partnership is made up of more than 50 foundations from throughout the Chicagoland community that was organized to ensure the alignment of ARRA funds and foundation grants, and to effectively use these funds together to maximize sustainable impact. On behalf of the Recovery Partnership, we clearly recognize that market transformation is the key to ensuring long-term sustainability of the ARRA funds. The Chicago Regional strategy will help turn this belief into a reality.

I strongly support the CMAP proposal and their efforts to make a significant impact on energy retrofits in the region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 312-565-2573 or tmazany@cct.org.

Sincerely,

Terry Mazany
President and CEO

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The Chicago Federation of Labor's Worker Assistance Committee submitted a proposal to U.S. Department of Labor for a Regional Energy Training Initiative. This project will be completed in conjunction with this grant to assure no duplication of services thus assisting more buildings across this region.

I strongly support the CMAP proposal and their efforts to make a significant impact on energy retrofits in the region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 565-9431.

Sincerely,

Mary B. Gallagher
Executive Director
CFL Workers Assistance Committee



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Sincerely,

Demetria Giannisis
President and CEO



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Sincerely,

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Frank Beal

Executive Director

Chicagoland Laborers' District Council Training and Apprentices Fund

7 December 2009

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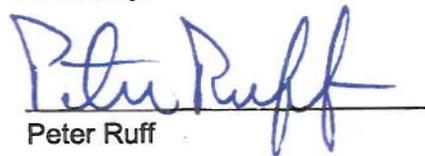
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Sincerely,



Peter Ruff
Administrator

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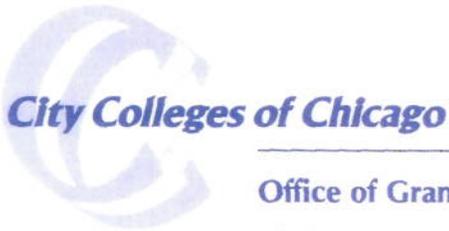
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December 7, 2009

EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up Competitive Grant
Re: **Chicago Regional Retrofit Ramp-up (CR3)**

The City Colleges of Chicago supports the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and their application for EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up competitive funding. CMAP is the lead applicant acting on behalf of the seven-county northeastern Illinois region and its local partners. The objective of the Chicago regional proposal is to build a comprehensive energy retrofit program known as the "**Chicago Regional Retrofit Ramp-up (CR3)**" which includes strategies to build a sustainable business model to aggressively retrofit commercial, industrial, residential, and public buildings across northeastern Illinois.

The City Colleges of Chicago is an agency of the State of Illinois which operates seven colleges and nine other facilities including our public television station WYCC TV 20. Our Workforce Institute and our individual colleges are very much interested in energy retrofit training activities.

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Sincerely,

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Leonard E. Etlinger
Executive Director



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD M. DALEY
MAYOR

December 8, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I write in support of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and its application for EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up competitive funding.

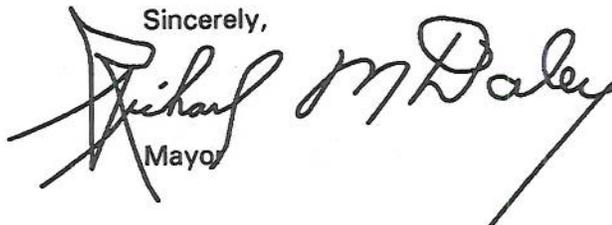
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The City of Chicago has made a clear commitment to implement our Building Retrofit Strategy as part of the Chicago Climate Action Plan. The City of Chicago is a leader and active participant in this regional initiative and the City's strategy is the basis for the regional program. We remain highly committed to this initiative and will continue to play a leadership role on the Building Retrofit Steering Committee.

In Chicago, our partnership has begun to bring together fragmented resources to create a comprehensive and accessible regional retrofit program. We believe that this work can be refined and replicated across the region and across the country. The EECBG Retrofit Ramp-up program funds will provide the necessary resources for program development and supportive systems, and the initial investment for financing mechanisms as an essential foundation for a comprehensive energy efficiency program. This approach will create the necessary efficiencies and economies of scale to develop a sustainable market for building retrofits across the metropolitan region for years to come.

I strongly support the CMAP proposal and its efforts to make a significant impact on energy retrofits in the region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Suzanne Malec-McKenna, Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Environment, at 312-744-7609. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Mayor



Martin J. Moylan

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City of Des Plaines

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December 10, 2009

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The City of Des Plaines has recently strengthened its commitment to sustainability issues by signing the U.S. Conference of Mayor’s Climate Protection Agreement, initiating EECBG-funded building and transportation improvements, and increasing community awareness of environmental issues. CMAP’s proposed regional retrofit program would help Des Plaines further its sustainability goals.

I strongly support CMAP’s “Chicago Regional Retrofit Ramp-Up” proposal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (847)391-5600.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Moylan
Mayor - City of Des Plaines, Illinois



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Re: Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System

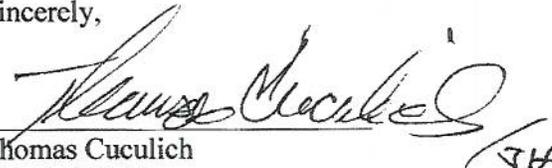
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Sincerely,


Thomas Cuculich
Chief of Staff



December 8, 2009

EECBG Retrofit Ramp-up Competitive Grant

RE: Chicago Regional Building Efficiency System

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The Electric & Gas Industries Association (EGIA) is a nationwide non-profit organization dedicated to advancing energy efficiency & renewable energy solutions. EGIA is pleased to work with CMAP and support the Chicago regional proposal by helping overcome one of the key barriers to widespread investment in home efficiency. EGIA in partnership with GE Money will provide homeowners installing energy efficient upgrades with access to low interest financing through our GEOSmart Sustainable Financing Solutions® loan program. The GEOSmart loan program has financed over 40,000 home upgrades nationwide, valued at approximately \$600 million over the past 4 years alone and will serve as a valuable tool in making home efficiency affordable for Illinois consumers participating in this program.

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EGIA is committed to supporting state and local initiatives, such as the CMAP proposal that are designed to have a significant impact on increasing consumer awareness of energy efficiency solutions, create deep and verifiable energy savings in homes, businesses and local government facilities and create sustainable green collar jobs.

We urge you to positively evaluate this innovative EECBG competitive grant application. EGIA is excited about the opportunity to work with CMAP and its local partners and stands ready to assist in making this initiative successful. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (916) 480-7314.

Sincerely,

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Bruce Matulich
CEO & Executive Director



December 1, 2009

EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up Competitive Grant Program
US Department of Energy
Washington, DC

Re: Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System

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Hannon Armstrong Capital, an Annapolis, MD-based investment bank, agrees to provide its support to the CMAP in developing an emerging concept for financing energy efficiency in large commercial buildings. It specifically involves the application of municipally-enforced property-assessed clean energy (PACE) financing for the purpose of financing energy efficiency in privately-owned commercial properties, principally office buildings, hotels and retail space. Using this type of financing for the purpose of funding energy efficiency retrofits is in the early stage of development and, if awarded, we would work with the CMAP to design and implement such a program.

We are supportive of the team that developed the Chicago Regional Energy Retrofit Strategy, and agree to continue to work with the other implementing partners. The EECBG funding would provide seed money which would be highly leveraged in order to implement that strategy. I strongly support the Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System proposal and their efforts to implement a sustainable energy retrofit program for the region. We believe that the implementation of our strategy will have substantial environmental and economic benefits for our region.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (410) 571-6164.

Sincerely,

John Christmas
Senior Vice President
Hannon Armstrong Capital



December 9, 2009

EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up Competitive Grant

Re: Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency Strategy

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) application for EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up competitive funding. CMAP is the lead applicant acting on behalf of the seven-county northeastern Illinois region and its local partners.

In support of this proposal, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability U.S.A., Inc. (ICLEI), a non-profit 501(c)(3) association of local governments, agrees to provide on-going implementation support of the Chicago Green Office Challenge, a program that engages commercial property managers and tenants in energy efficiency and conservation. In 2009, this program engaged 47 commercial high-rise buildings and more than 160 companies to advance a reduction in energy use of 82.1 million kWh, equating to 57,500 MTCO_{2e}. We estimate the private sector investments associated with these achievements at \$14M. ICLEI contributed approximately \$150,000 in resources to manage this initiative in 2009, and intends to double this support – and associated outcomes – in 2010.

I strongly support the Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency Strategy as an effective energy solution for the region. This strategy will substantially benefit our region both environmentally and economically by addressing energy efficiency and conservation in the residential, commercial and industrial sectors. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 312.742.2203 or amy.malick@iclei.org.

We are supportive of the team that developed the Chicago Regional Energy Retrofit Strategy, and agree to advance the implementation of this strategy through continued engagement with the commercial sector. The EECBG funding would provide seed money which would be highly leveraged in order to achieve the goals of the strategy.

By signing below, ICLEI and CMAP agree to the terms of this letter.

Sincerely,

Amy Malick
Director, Midwest Region
ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, USA

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This application offers tremendous opportunity to organize large-scale multidisciplinary student project teams to support CMAP in achieving its objectives for the benefit of organizations in the Chicago region. The Interprofessional Projects (IPRO) Program at Illinois Institute of Technology engages multidisciplinary teams of students in semester-long undergraduate projects based on *real-world* topics from sponsors that reflect the diversity of the workplace: corporations, entrepreneurial ventures, non-profit organizations and government agencies. In addition, a significant number of project topics emerge from faculty research or the ideas of students themselves. All IIT students

complete at least two three-credit-hour IPRO project courses to satisfy general education requirements. On the order of 45 teams are formed each semester, involving approximately ~500 students and ~30 faculty members drawn from any academic unit. Each IPRO section constitutes one team that addresses a unique open-ended complex problem, with one or more faculty mentors per team. Teams are clustered to address contemporary issues related to service learning (K-12 education, global challenges at the base of the pyramid), venture development and entrepreneurship, energy and environmental sustainability, process improvement, and applied research, design and development. IPRO teams may include 7-20 students from all academic levels (sophomore through graduate school), and cut across IIT's professional programs (engineering, science and letters, business, law, psychology, design, and architecture), with a typical team size of ten students.

Several IPRO projects each semester have focused on opportunities to inform and serve the community by evaluating their energy consumption patterns, identifying conservation and renewable energy solutions, and addressing opportunities to apply new technologies and methods to reduce energy consumption and address issues related to environmental sustainability. Specific current projects include creating an energy corps that audits churches and schools and offers recommendations for improving energy conservation, designing and delivering education modules for schools and community organizations focused to global warming, reducing the carbon footprint, cradle-to-cradle analysis, etc., and working with building owners to consider integrating sustainability and zero energy best practices to reduce consumption and environmental impact. We can envision establishing a sustaining IPRO team over the life of the grant and beyond that is custom-formed to support the needs of CMAP and its constituencies. This can range from developing information technology and social networking solutions, developing and supporting community awareness efforts and following through to help evaluate the impact of the Ramp-Up grant on the Chicago region and its constituencies.

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Sincerely,

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Thomas M. Jacobius

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Sincerely,


 Christine Gentes
 Executive Director



December 10th, 2009

Re: Retrofit Ramp-Up Grant for Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing about the seven county Chicago Region Retrofit Ramp-up (CR3), for which the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning is applying to the US DOE for a "Retrofit Ramp-Up" Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant.

Lowe's is excited about the opportunity to participate in the objectives of the CR3, and help deliver products that support the energy efficiency retrofits to 40,000 households and other buildings annually. We view CR3 as an outstanding opportunity to develop and demonstrate significant economies of scale in implementing building energy efficiency retrofits.

We also note that Lowe's national footprint gives an opportunity to leverage learnings from this type of opportunity geographically, replicating the success of the program across multiple regions and ultimately into all 1,700+ Lowe's Home Improvement stores nationwide.

As a leading and trusted retailer of home improvement products and provider of installation services with 18 stores in the seven county area, there are several ways in which Lowe's can contribute to the success of CR3. These include:

- Energy Star products and other energy efficient, weatherization –related products
- A government sales and contracts team to support government requirements
- Outstanding logistical systems for distribution of building products
- Community contact and communication for recruiting participants.
- Convenient store locations and operating hours
- Delivery of products 7 days per week
- Dedicated, professional personnel to support the success of this initiative

Notably, Lowe's has demonstrated ability to effectively meet public-private program requirements. For example, our work with the American Red Cross in facilitating a Water Heater voucher program for consumers affected by flooding in Burlington, IA met all reporting requirements for State of Iowa disbursed funds while quickly and efficiently addressing the citizen's needs.

In conclusion, Lowe's is excited about the Chicago Region Retrofit Ramp-up proposal and its impact on the community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (630) 445-6055.

Sincerely,

Ken Missig
Regional Vice President of Stores
Lowe's Home Center's, Inc.



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Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Koehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board



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December 14, 2009

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Re: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning EECBG Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the 273 member municipalities of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, I am writing this letter in support of the Chicago Regional Building Retrofit Program submitted by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP).

The Mayors Caucus has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to municipal energy efficiency programs, and CMAP is a valuable partner in our efforts. The building retrofit program, as envisioned, will integrate energy-efficiency retrofits while providing job training in residential energy efficiency improvements. It will use a whole-building approach to examine and improve energy-impacting systems including the building shell; heating and cooling equipment; ventilation system; domestic hot water system; and lighting.

The Mayors Caucus strongly supports the Chicago Regional Building Retrofit Program proposal and CMAP's efforts to make a significant impact on the energy efficiency of the Chicago region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 312.201.4505 or dbennett@mayorscaucus.org.

Sincerely,

David E. Bennett
Executive Director

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To whom it may concern:

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The Metropolitan Planning Council, a regional policy, advocacy and technical assistance organization, is assisting the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, a collaboration of 42 communities in the Chicago Region's south suburbs, to apply for funding. The collaborative is applying under the EECBG Topic 2, the General Innovation Fund, to support rehabilitation and retrofits of residential, commercial, and industrial properties near commuter and cargo rail stations in order to spur both energy and location efficiency. Building CMAP's ability to provide a one-stop resource for these services will only strengthen these initiatives and provide a central conduit for now often disparate resources.

The Metropolitan Planning Council strongly supports the CMAP proposal and their efforts to make a significant impact on energy retrofits in the region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 312 863-6001.

Sincerely,



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December 3, 2009

Annie Byrne
Associate Regional Planner
EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up Competitive Grant
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
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Re: Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System

Ms. Byrne:

I am writing this letter in support of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and their application for EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up competitive funding. CMAP is the lead applicant acting on behalf of the seven-county northeastern Illinois region and its local partners. The objective of the Chicago regional proposal is to build a comprehensive energy retrofit program known as the "Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System" which includes strategies to build a sustainable business model to aggressively retrofit commercial, industrial, residential, and public buildings across northeastern Illinois.

The Village of Orland Park, a local municipal government, agrees to provide support for retrofit projects and to utilize EECBG formula resources with this effort. The Village received \$520,700.00 in formula EECBG money for energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy projects.

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This regional effort can be coupled and leveraged with local efforts such as our own, to provide a more effective energy efficiency program to area residents.

I strongly support the CMAP proposal and their efforts to make a significant impact on energy retrofits in the region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 708-403-6155.

Sincerely,

Paul Grimes
Village Manager
Village of Orland Park

The Preservation Compact

A Rental Housing Strategy for Cook County

December 10, 2009

EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up Competitive Grant

Re: Chicago Regional Retrofit Ramp-up Plan

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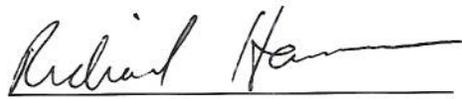
On behalf of the Preservation Compact, a group that brings together the region's public, private and nonprofit leaders to address the loss of affordable rental housing stock in Cook County, we staunchly believe that the Chicago Regional strategy will be a seminal initiative in using energy efficiency as a model to sustainably preserve affordable rental housing.

We strongly support the CMAP proposal and their efforts to make a significant impact on energy retrofits in the region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christine Kolb at Christine.Kolb@uli.org or 312-259-0936.

Sincerely,



Julia Stasch
Vice President, The John D. And
Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Co-chair, The Preservation Compact



Richard Hanson
President, MESA Development, Inc.
Co-chair, The Preservation Compact

December 4, 2009

Chicago Metropolitan Planning Agency
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Sears Tower, Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60606

Re: Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System

To Whom it May Concern:

We welcome the opportunity to support the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning on their property assessed clean energy (PACE) program that will be part of their Retrofit Ramp-Up Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Renewable Funding has been pleased to work with the State of Illinois on developing state legislation to enable the PACE program as well as advising on PACE programmatic structures. We look forward to helping their team implement a PACE program which will complement the retrofit effort in their community and make their program sustainable.

As the only firm in the country with experience both administering and financing PACE programs, Renewable Funding offers unparalleled expertise in helping our partners understand the intricacies of and reduce the risk in carrying out this new financing model for renewable energy and energy efficiency installations. As the summary below demonstrates, we can offer a range of design, administration, and financing services to support your program goals.

Summary of Services

Program Design

1. Design: development of program guidelines, creation of clear underwriting standards, alignment with local goals and policies, and integration with existing programs.
2. Technology: website set-up and customization.
3. Marketing: market demand analysis and promotional and outreach campaign coordination.
4. Resources: assistance applying for state and federal funds/grants.

Administration Design

1. Education & Marketing: development of materials, workshops, and direct outreach.
2. Application Processing: property/project screens and underwriting.
3. Customer Service: addressing property owner and contract questions.
4. On-Going Technology and Reporting Management: tracking of program goals.
5. Origination and Closing Process Management: project quality assurance, closing documentation, and funding disbursement.

Financial Services

1. Adaptable Financing Structures, including micro-bond or pooled bond approaches.
2. Cost Recapture, including via application fee, capitalized expenses, property tax in excess of debt service, installer/contractor fees, and funding from external sources.

Firm Experience

Renewable Funding brings exposure and expertise pioneering the PACE model first in California and now throughout the country. The firm has consulted with many state and local governments, including Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, and others. Renewable Funding is also active on the federal level, having been instrumental in the Congressional clarification extending tax credits to renewable energy financing programs sponsored by local governments. The firm has worked with the U.S. Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, White House, and other federal agencies to develop policy for PACE programs and to assist in building a national model.

Our clients include:

- **Berkeley, California.** Renewable Funding administered and financed the Berkeley program starting in late 2008. The first of its kind, the program received attention internationally. The \$1.5 million pilot program financed solar PV and was met with high participant support, being fully subscribed in 9 minutes. Renewable Funding purchased all bonds associated with the program.
- **Boulder County, Colorado.** Renewable Funding assists Boulder County, which includes the county and 10 incorporated cities, in the administration of its ClimateSmart Loan Program. In the first application round, Boulder's program financed solar and energy efficiency projects for nearly 400 property owners for a total amount of approximately \$7.7 million in financing. Renewable Funding provides origination services for the County.
- **San Francisco, California.** Renewable Funding has been selected to administer and finance the San Francisco Sustainable Financing Program. The firm has worked closely with the City in designing a program that provides financing for renewable and energy efficiency projects for residential and commercial property owners. The program is expected to fund over \$40 million in projects upon its launch in early 2010. Financing partners include New Resource Bank, OneCalifornia Bank, and Stone & Youngberg.
- **CaliforniaFIRST Statewide Financing Program.** Renewable Funding is developing the California-wide program sponsored by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority, a joint powers authority. Over 100 local jurisdictions with over 10 million people are participating in the first phase of the program. Renewable Funding will administer and finance the program, which will organize cities and counties throughout California to achieve economies of scale for the bond issuance. The program will fund renewable energy and energy efficiency projects for residential, commercial

and industrial property owners. The program is currently on a timeline to launch in mid-2010 and is expected to finance over \$1 billion in projects. The Royal Bank of Canada is the underwriter and financing partner for the program.

In addition, our firm has been selected to administer and/or finance programs in:

- Albuquerque, NM;
- Los Angeles County, CA; and
- San Diego, CA.

As a result of our diverse experience, we are familiar with different legal and procedural structures as they evolve in different states and communities.

Financing

Renewable Funding's access to a range of capital sources permits the firm to provide flexible financing plans for our program partners. This allows programs to adjust to market conditions in order to capture the most competitive financing rates, ensuring the lasting success of programs we support. Renewable Funding both delivers our own financing as well as provides financing through partners such as Barclays, Citigroup, and Royal Bank of Canada Capital Markets. In addition, we have built a sophisticated software platform, which keeps costs low and allows property owners to move efficiently through the application and funding process.

We would welcome the opportunity to work together, including with your local partners and governments, to lend our knowledge and experience on PACE to meeting local environmental and workforce development goals.

Best regards,



Cisco DeVries
President



Mimi Frusha
Chief Operating Officer



SAULSBURY HILL FINANCIAL
MUNICIPAL COMMERCIAL FEDERAL

MEMO

Date: 4 December, 2009

To: "Whom It May Concern"
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
233 S. Wacker Drive - Sears Tower, Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60606

From: Mr. David J. Clamage, Saulsbury Hill Financial, LLC

Re: EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up Competitive Grant - Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) , (Project)

For and in the matter of the aforementioned project, (EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up Competitive Grant - Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)), Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, in association with Saulsbury Hill Financial, LLC, as a designated finance provider, is pleased to submit the following response with respect to the aforementioned Solicitation. Saulsbury Hill Financial, LLC is delighted to submit this letter in support of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's application for EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up competitive funding. CMAP is the lead applicant acting on behalf of the seven-county northeastern Illinois region and its local partners.

We understand that as part of the application, CMAP is proposing to make small grants to energy efficiency building retrofit projects in the public sector in order to buy down a portion of the total project cost and leverage third party capital. This proposed use of EECBG funds will improve project cash flows, ensure that deeper energy saving projects can be completed and help attract third party capital.

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PROGRESS THROUGH THOUGHTFUL PLANNING

Al Larson
Village President

December 11, 2009

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The Village of Schaumburg approved a Comprehensive Green Action Plan as a commitment to a sustainable future and began implementation of the plan in 2008. Through the implementation of energy efficient measures in municipal operations, Schaumburg will reduce electric consumption at municipal facilities by 6% in 2010.

I strongly support the CMAP proposal and their efforts to make a significant impact on energy retrofits in the region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Martha Dooley at 847.923.3855.

Sincerely,

VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG



Al Larson
Village President



SOUTH SUBURBAN MAYORS & MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

December 9, 2009

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association and our 42 communities in southern Cook and Will Counties in support of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and their application for EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up competitive funding. CMAP is the lead applicant acting on behalf of the seven-county northeastern Illinois region and its local partners. The objective of the Chicago regional proposal is to build a comprehensive energy retrofit program known as the "**Chicago Regional Retrofit Ramp-Up**" which includes strategies to build a sustainable business model to aggressively retrofit commercial, industrial, residential, and public buildings across northeastern Illinois.

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The southern suburbs have been very active in this critical area, not only focusing on the needs in our sub-region, but also in the Chicago metropolitan region as a whole.

I strongly support the CMAP proposal and their efforts to make a significant impact on energy retrofits in the region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (708) 206-1155.

Sincerely,

Edward W. Paesel
Executive Director

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 9, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy
EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW, Mail Stop EE-2K
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Dear Secretary Chu:

We are writing in support of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's (CMAP) submittal for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants, Retrofit Ramp-Up program. This proposal is a partnership between CMAP, the City of Chicago, and the seven-county metropolitan region. The objective of the Chicago regional proposal is to build a comprehensive energy retrofit program known as the ,which includes strategies to build a sustainable business model to aggressively retrofit commercial, industrial, residential, and public buildings across northeastern Illinois.

This regional approach will bring together fragmented energy resources and initiatives under one umbrella to create a seamless metropolitan-wide retrofit program. The DOE Retrofit Ramp-Up funds will be used to leverage existing energy efficiency activity and funding at a 5:1 ratio from other sources such as federal and state energy programs, utilities programs, and philanthropic organizations. The resources provided from the DOE Ramp-up grant will be coupled with these leveraged dollars to result in approximately 74,000 retrofits in the first three years.

The Retrofit Ramp-up funds will provide crucial support for creation of the comprehensive regional program by sponsoring initial investments in the financing mechanisms and other supportive systems necessary to create efficiencies and economies of scale, developing a sustainable market for building retrofits across the metropolitan region. The impacts of investing in activities that transform the retrofit market will be seen for many years beyond the grant period.

We strongly support the CMAP proposal and their efforts to make a significant impact on energy retrofits in the region. Thank you for your time and consideration and we look forward to your timely reply to this important issue.

Sincerely,



Melissa Bean
Member of Congress



Bobby L. Rush
Member of Congress



Jesse Jackson, Jr.
Member of Congress



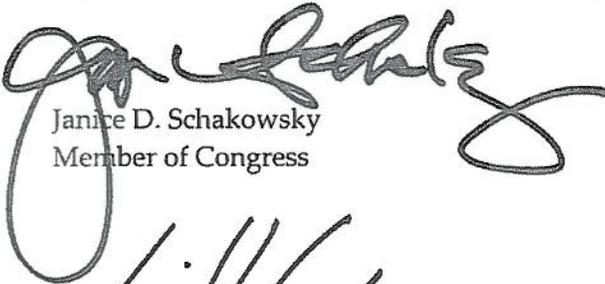
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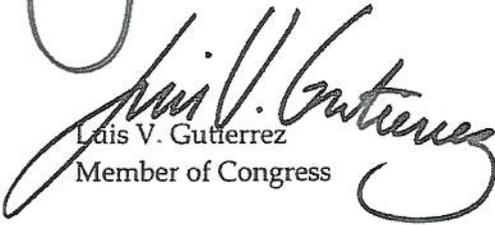
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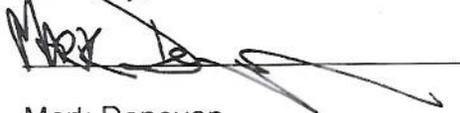
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This program is important to the University because developing markets for energy efficiency, increasing knowledge of impacts, and increasing number of skilled workers will directly and indirectly support work done to reduce green house gases at UIC.

I strongly support the CMAP proposal and their efforts to make a significant impact on energy retrofits in the region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 312-413-1404.

Sincerely,



Mark Donovan

Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services





*Chicago Workforce Investment Council
Cook County Workforce Investment Board
DuPage Workforce Board
Grundy Livingston Kankakee Workforce Board
Lake County Workforce Investment Board
McHenry County Workforce Investment Board
The Workforce Board of Northern Cook County
Workforce Investment Board of Will County*

December 9, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy
EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

To Whom It May Concern:

The Workforce Boards of Metropolitan Chicago are pleased to submit this letter in support of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's (CMAP) application for EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up competitive funding. CMAP is the lead applicant acting on behalf of the northeastern Illinois region and its local partners. The objective of the Chicago regional proposal is to build a comprehensive energy retrofit program known as the "Chicago Regional Retrofit Ramp-up (CR3)" which includes strategies to build a sustainable business model to aggressively retrofit commercial, industrial, residential, and public buildings across northeastern Illinois and provide employment opportunities to our regional labor force.

The EECBG Retrofit Ramp-up program funds will provide the necessary resources for program development and supportive systems, and the initial investment for financing mechanisms as an essential foundation for a comprehensive energy efficiency program. This approach will create the necessary efficiencies and economies of scale to develop a sustainable market for building retrofits across the metropolitan region for years to come.

The Workforce Boards of Metropolitan Chicago, a consortium of eight workforce boards within the metropolitan Chicago region, have collaborated on regional economic and workforce development initiatives over the past eight years. Our experience indicates that a regional approach such as the proposed retrofit program can have significant impact and success in our region. We urge the U.S. Department of Energy to strongly consider CMAP's application.

Sincerely,

The Workforce Boards of Metropolitan Chicago

Retrofit Ramp-Up Summary Proposal

Project Title: Chicago Region Retrofit Ramp-Up (CR3)

Project Applicant: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

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Applicant: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is the regional land use and transportation planning agency in the seven counties of northeastern Illinois which include Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will. CMAP operates under authorizing legislation known as Public Act 095-0677 and falls under the definition of “unit of general local government.” CMAP is authorized through its enabling legislation to act on behalf of the seven-county Chicago region, for the purposes of implementing the EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up Program. Partnerships with other units of general local government for the purposes of this application include the City of Rockford.

Objectives: CMAP hereby requests seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) for the purpose of making strategic investments to meet the nation's long-term goals for energy independence and leadership on climate change. The resources provided from the DOE Ramp-Up grant will be coupled with \$911,346,727 leveraged dollars (12:1). The proposal includes three primary goals:

- I. To create access to information effective information system that serves as a regional center of energy tools, qualified contractors, and programs to lower transaction costs by generating demand, linking consumers and suppliers.
- II. To develop and make accessible innovative financial products so that building owners in all sectors can implement whole-building retrofits. Financing tools will be in the form of loans and guarantees to assure the greatest number of building are impacted with limited resources and long-term sustainably of the program.
- III. To ensure a qualified, skilled workforce to implement the Building Energy Retrofits program.

Major Partners: CMAP acknowledges the eligible uses of EECBG Retrofit Ramp-UP funds and proposes to carry out only those activities. A certain number of the activities will be carried out by sub-recipients including but not limited to technical assistance providers, non-profits, financial institutions, software developers, public relations and market research organizations as determined through a competitive procurement process, under binding contractual relationships, and under the supervision of CMAP.

Potential Impact: CR3's strategy will directly result in approximately 28,640 additional retrofits in the first three years including: 26,740 residential units and 1,900 commercial, public and industrial buildings through new financing mechanisms. CR3 implementation will permanently transform the market by growing consumer demand, reducing transaction costs, establishing sustainable financing mechanisms, and supporting workforce development. This will increase the economies of both scale and scope by providing organizing tools to bring together the currently fragmented resources in the marketplace.

Application Attachment

Resume File

Resumes for key persons involved in the implementation of Chicago Regional Retrofit Ramp-up (CR3) proposal, including CMAP Executive Director and staff, Chicago Retrofit Steering Committee Members, and several technical advisors to CR3.