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## **REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST**

### **Virginia Energy Workforce and Solar for All Advisory Groups**

Virginia Energy is looking for individuals wanting to participate in two new advisory groups to help inform and guide the work related to the Virginia Energy Workforce and Solar for All federally funded programs. Individuals are invited to provide a letter of interest to participate in one of the groups or both groups. Virginia Energy will use the groups' input to make final design decisions.

Detailed information about the advisory groups, letter requirements, and submission deadline is below. Please email [SolarForAll@energy.virginia.gov](mailto:SolarForAll@energy.virginia.gov) with any questions.

#### **Workforce Advisory Group:**

Recognizing the need for an expanded workforce to deliver energy efficiency and solar projects, Virginia Energy is establishing a Workforce Advisory Group to provide ongoing guidance on how Virginia Energy can meet that need. Specifically, the group will advise Virginia Energy on workforce support provided through the energy efficiency-focused Training for Residential Energy Contractors (TREC) program, distributed solar-focused Solar Workforce Program, and energy auditors-focused Energy Auditor Training Program.

The Workforce Advisory Group will include approximately 20 participants. An example of the members of the Advisory Group would include one to three representatives from each of the following groups: energy efficiency and solar employers, consumer advocacy groups, energy efficiency and solar industries associations, IOUs/utilities/co-ops, community action agencies, other Low-income and Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC) serving CBOs, Tribal Nations, and worker representatives.

The Workforce Advisory Board is expected to meet *once a quarter* through at least the duration of new workforce development programs (2025-2029). Meetings shall be open to the public and accept public comment.

#### **Solar for All Advisory Group:**

The Solar for All program will seek to enable energy savings and increase resilience by expanding access to solar and solar plus storage funding for Low-income and Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC). The group will provide input on financial and technical assistance offerings, marketing, education, and outreach plans and materials, and ongoing program evaluation and revision, including ongoing adjustments to program governance processes.

The Solar for All Advisory Group will include approximately 15 participants. An example of the members of the Advisory Group would include one to three representatives from each of the following groups: consumer advocacy groups, solar developers/installers and/or industries associations, IOUs/utilities/co-ops, financial institutions/CDFIs, low-income/need-based service providers or program managers, LIDAC-serving CBOs, Tribal Nations, and citizen representatives. Non-profit and citizen members of this Advisory Group are eligible to receive a stipend for participation.

The Solar for All Advisory Group is expected to meet *once a quarter* during the planning period (Q4 2024 – Q4 2025) and then *once a year or as needed* through the duration of the program (2025-2029). Meetings shall be open to the public and accept public comment.

**The letter of interest is a first step in the process for becoming part of the Advisory Group. However, it does not guarantee your participation.**

**What to include in the letter (not to exceed 1 page – 11pt font and double-spaced):**

1. Name and affiliation
2. Mailing address, email, and phone number
3. Which advisory group(s) you are interested in participating in
4. Description of experience related to the advisory group(s) of interest

**Please email your letter to [SolarforAll@energy.virginia.gov](mailto:SolarforAll@energy.virginia.gov). To be considered, letters must be received by close of business on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Within 30 days of the deadline, staff will notify letter writers if they are requested to participate in an Advisory Group. At that time, staff will work with participants to assess eligibility for and provide a participation stipend.**

