



March 2, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm:

The Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council ("GNEMSDC") understands that National Grid is seeking a federal grant to support the implementation of the Future Grid 2.0 project under the Grid Innovation and Partnerships Program. The Future Grid 2.0 project will support greater integration of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) and accelerate the clean energy transition for our state. We welcome and support National Grid's commitment under the Future Grid 2.0 project to developing greater opportunities for minority and diverse suppliers in the clean energy industry.

GNEMSDC advances business opportunities for certified Asian, Black, Hispanic and Native American business enterprises by connecting them to corporate members and each other, and by providing business development services and capacity building services. GNEMSDC has a long-standing partnership with National Grid. GNEMSDC serves the six (6) New England states: MA, CT, RI, ME, NH, and VT, and is part of a national network that includes the National Minority Supplier Development Council, 23 Regional Councils, 2,500 corporate members and 15,000 certified minority business enterprises.

GNEMSDC has worked with National Grid in the past and are discussing the possibility of expanding our partnership under the Future Grid 2.0 project. The federal funding would provide opportunities to design more targeted and meaningful programs to enable greater participation and success for our member businesses in the energy industry in general; and improved ability to participate as vendors to National Grid in particular. Under the Future Grid 2.0 project, we are discussing the possibility of the following initiatives:

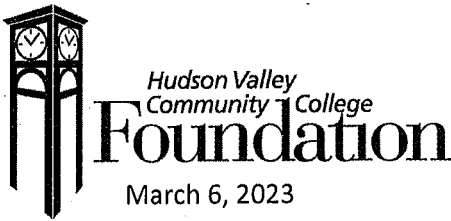
- Workshops for minority businesses to support business and financial planning
- Technical certification opportunities
- Conducting events for suppliers to understand how to do business with National Grid
- Making developers contract ready and increase their employability in the region

We expect to formalize our partnership with an agreement in a few months. GNEMSDC fully supports National Grid's efforts in providing opportunities for our member businesses. We are excited to partner with National Grid to ensure the success of the Future Grid 2.0 project and its positive impact on minority suppliers in New England.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter F. Hurst, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Peter F. Hurst, Jr.
President & CEO



March 6, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
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Dear Secretary Granholm,

Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC) understands that National Grid is seeking a federal grant to support the implementation of the Future Grid 2.0 project under the Grid Innovation and Partnerships Program. The Future Grid 2.0 project will support an accelerated integration of distributed energy resources, such as solar and energy storage, which will make progress towards the State's energy and climate goals and create greater employment opportunities in Upstate New York. Successful implementation will involve the training and development of a skilled workforce required for the evolving needs of the utility industry.

Hudson Valley Community College delivers high-quality education through over 80 degree and certificate programs. HVCC was recognized by The Aspen Institute in the top 10 percent of all community colleges nationwide and is known for our efforts to build innovative training options in sustainable energy careers.

HVCC has been a long-standing partner to National Grid and has ensured availability of a local pipeline of qualified energy workers. Our students have successfully gained employment with National Grid and other employers in the region. The federal funds would permit an expansion of our partnership and we are in discussions to outline firm commitments regarding a proposed scholarship program for candidates from minority and diverse communities to increase enrollment in HVCC's Overhead Electric Line Worker certification program and Electrical Construction and Maintenance degree program.

We expect to formalize our commitments into a partnership agreement soon. HVCC fully supports National Grid's efforts in providing skilling and employment opportunities to our community. We are excited to expand our partnership with National Grid to ensure success of this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Courtney Lampport".

Courtney Lampport, M.Ed.
Chief Advancement Officer/Executive Director
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March 9, 2023

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Dear Secretary Granholm,

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) understands that National Grid is seeking a federal grant to support the implementation of the Future Grid 2.0 project under the Grid Innovation and Partnerships Program.

The Future Grid 2.0 project will support an accelerated integration of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) into its electric distribution system operations, enabling the transition to clean energy in our geography. We are supportive of National Grid's efforts to ensure that labor employed for the implementation of Future Grid 2.0 in Massachusetts will be largely represented by our Union. The IBEW will support the foundational grid modernization infrastructure work, which includes Fault Location, Isolation, Service Restoration (FLISR) field deployment, as part of the overall Future Grid 2.0 project.

The IBEW and National Grid commit to engaging in planning initiatives that keep our represented workforce capable and ready to support the energy transition enabled by the Future Grid 2.0 project. We expect this will prepare our members to participate successfully in a clean energy economy, and we request a favorable consideration by the Department of Energy to National Grid's application for federal funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael P. Monahan".

Michael P. Monahan
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March 7, 2023

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Dear Secretary Granholm,

Northland Workforce Training Center (NWTC) understands that National Grid is seeking federal grant funding through the Grid Innovation and Partnerships Program (GRIP). Successful implementation will involve the training and development of a skilled workforce required for the evolving needs of the utility industry.

NWTC is an industry-driven, public-private partnership between employers, educational institutions, community and faith-based organizations, and state and local government. We aim to close the skills gap in the local labor pool through training, co-ops, internships, and apprenticeships, leading up to permanent employment for Western New Yorkers seeking high-paying advanced manufacturing and energy careers. Our training center is reflective of the diverse communities and the neighborhoods we serve. National Grid has been a strategic partner since our founding in 2018 to support our ongoing operations through various initiatives, as listed here:

- Redevelopment of the NWTC site through National Grid's Brownfield Redevelopment Economic Development Grant Program
- Purchase of a van that provides school transport to students who do not have their own personal vehicle
- Purchase of tools and laptop computers for student use

National Grid also works with NWTC to identify candidates for job openings at National Grid. The company participates in student job fairs and notifies our career placement office when job openings may be of interest to NWTC graduates and has hired graduates into their underground line and street lighting departments. The federal funds will permit an expansion of our partnership with National Grid and offer additional energy career programs to our communities to enable the development of a skilled regional workforce. This would not only provide meaningful employment opportunities in our region, but also provide a ready workforce for National Grid as it deepens the energy transition investments.

NWTC fully supports National Grid's efforts in increasing skilling and employment opportunities in our community. We are excited about the prospect of deepening our partnership with National Grid to ensure enduring program success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen D. Tucker".

Stephen D. Tucker
President & CEO
Northland Workforce Training Center

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The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Granholm,

Worcester Technical High School (Worcester Tech) understands that National Grid is seeking a federal grant to support the implementation of the Future Grid project under Topic Area 2 of the GRIP Program. The Future Grid project will support an accelerated integration of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) in the New England region. As such this requires the training and development of a workforce that is familiar with the clean energy industry and is equipped with the skills required for changing industry needs.

Worcester Tech is a public vocational technical high school in Worcester, Massachusetts. Seventy percent of our students are people of color. Our student body is reflective of the diverse Worcester community and the neighborhoods we serve. We are partnering with National Grid to support the roll-out of the Clean Energy Academy, to provide mentorship, professional networking, and energy career exposure to high school students in our electrical, construction, and related courses. We also hope to partner with National Grid on their Energy Infrastructure Academy, to provide employment opportunities to our students to develop the relevant skills required for high-quality jobs in the clean energy industry, with specific focus on candidates that are unemployed and underemployed adults over 18. The 200-hour Energy Infrastructure Academy certificate will include a stipend for a 3-week mini-co-op that will provide full time experience on a National Grid operations business unit, will prepare diverse candidates for entry level to mid-level union roles with National Grid.

Worcester Tech understands that National Grid is making firm commitments regarding the following:

1. At least 75 Worcester Tech students to participate in the Clean Energy Academy during the period 2023-2028, of which 100% will reside in Worcester.
2. 300 to be trained under the Energy Infrastructure Academy program during the period 2023-2028, of which between 25% and 50% will come from Worcester and surrounding communities.
3. 80% or more of candidates that represent a diversity or minority group, or originate from disadvantaged communities
4. 60% of candidates that gain employment into high-quality jobs subsequent to completion of the training program, either with National Grid, or any other employers

Worcester Tech fully supports National Grid's efforts in providing skilling and employment opportunities to our community in the clean energy industry. We are excited to continue partnering with National Grid to ensure the success of this program.

Sincerely,



The Worcester Public Schools is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer/Educational Institution and does not discriminate regardless of race, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, disability or homelessness. The Worcester Public Schools provides equal access to employment and the full range of general, occupational and vocational education programs. For more information relating to Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action contact the Human Resource Manager, 20 Irving Street, Worcester, MA 01609, 508-799-3020.



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February 27, 2023

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1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Granholm,

The New York & New Jersey Minority Supplier Development Council (The Council) understands that National Grid is seeking a federal grant to support the implementation of the Future Grid 2.0 project under the Grid Innovation and Partnerships Program. The Future Grid 2.0 project will support greater integration of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) and accelerate the clean energy transition for our state. We welcome and support National Grid's commitment under the Future Grid 2.0 project to developing greater opportunities for minority and diverse suppliers in the clean energy industry.

The Council is one of the 23 regional affiliates of the National Minority Supplier Development Council and supports the development of minority enterprise development through a variety of initiatives in the states of New York and New Jersey. We have worked with National Grid in the past and are discussing the possibility of expanding our partnership under the Future Grid 2.0 project. The federal funding would provide opportunities to design more targeted and meaningful programs to enable greater participation and success for our member businesses in the energy industry in general; and improved ability to participate as vendors to National Grid in particular. Under the Future Grid 2.0 project, we are discussing the possibility of the following initiatives:

- Workshops for minority businesses to support business and financial planning
- Technical certification opportunities
- Conducting events for suppliers to understand how to do business with National Grid
- Making developers contract ready and increase their employability in the region

We expect to formalize our partnership with an agreement in a few months. The Council fully supports National Grid's efforts in providing opportunities for our member businesses. We are excited to partner with National Grid to ensure the success of the Future Grid 2.0 project and its positive impact on minority suppliers in our region.

Sincerely,

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February 17, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
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Dear Secretary Granholm:

Roxbury Community College (RCC) understands that National Grid is seeking a federal grant to support the implementation of the Future Grid project under Topic Area 2 of the GRIP Program. The Future Grid project will support an accelerated integration of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) in the New England region. As such this requires training and development of a workforce that is familiar with the clean energy industry and is equipped with the skills required for the changing industry needs.

RCC is a public community college in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts. Eighty percent of our students are people of color. In 2021 the federal Department of Education classified us as a Predominately Black Institution, or PBI. Our college is reflective of the diverse Boston community and the neighborhood we serve. We are continuing our partnership with National Grid, building on the successful launch of the RCC Center for Smart Building Technology, to support the roll-out of the Energy Infrastructure Academy, to provide employment opportunities to our students to develop the relevant skills required for high-quality jobs in the clean energy industry, with specific focus on candidates that are unemployed and underemployed adults over 18. Our 200-hour certificate, with a stipend for a 3-week mini-co-op that will provide full time experience on a National Grid operations business unit, will prepare diverse candidates for entry level to mid-level union roles with National Grid.

RCC will be executing a formal Memorandum of Understanding with National Grid in spring 2023, which will outline firm commitments regarding the following:

1. 300 to be trained under the Energy Infrastructure Academy program during the period 2023-2028, of which over half of whom will be from Boston and surrounding communities.
2. 80% or more of candidates that represent a minority group, group underrepresented in the energy workforce, or originate from disadvantaged communities.
3. 60% of candidates that gain employment into high-quality jobs after completion of the training program, either with National Grid, or any other employers.

RCC fully supports National Grid's efforts in providing skilling and employment opportunities to our community in the clean energy industry. We are excited to continue partnering with National Grid to ensure the success of this program.

Sincerely,

Jackie Jenkins-Scott
Interim President



March 2, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Granholm,

The State University of New York's Syracuse Educational Opportunity Center (SUNY Syracuse EOC) understands that National Grid is seeking a federal grant to support the implementation of the Future Grid 2.0 project under the Grid Innovation and Partnerships Program. The Future Grid 2.0 project will support an accelerated integration of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) and create greater employment opportunities in New York and Massachusetts. As such, this requires training and development of a skilled workforce that is equipped with the skills required for the changing industry needs.

Founded over 50 years ago, the SUNY Syracuse EOC delivers comprehensive, community-based academic and workforce development in the cities of Buffalo, Capital District, Rochester, Syracuse, and Schenectady. The Center also provides support services leading to enhanced employment opportunities, and access to educational and vocational opportunities which enable personal growth and development and lead to permanent employment in the energy and construction sectors. We have partnered successfully with National Grid in the past on a variety of apprenticeship and training programs targeted at young adults from disadvantaged communities in our region. This includes the 11-week program to train students to serve as Customer Meter Service Technicians.

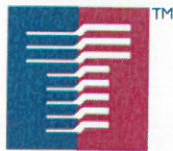
Through the renewed partnership with National Grid under the Future Grid project, SUNY Syracuse EOC will continue our partnership with National Grid and offer energy career programs to our communities to enable the development of a regional workforce. This would not only provide meaningful employment opportunities in our region, but also provide a ready workforce for National Grid as it deepens the energy transition investments. SUNY Syracuse EOC fully supports National Grid's efforts in providing skilling and employment opportunities to our community. We are excited to partner with National Grid to ensure the success of this program.

Sincerely,

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February 8, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
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Dear Secretary Granholm,

Training Resources of America, Inc. (TRA) understands that National Grid is seeking a federal grant to support the implementation of the Future Grid project under Topic Area 2 of the GRIP Program. The Future Grid project will support an accelerated integration of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) in the New England region. As such this requires the training and development of a workforce that is familiar with the clean energy industry and is equipped with the skills required for changing industry needs.

TRA is a 501c3 private non-profit workforce development organization in Worcester, Massachusetts since 1975. Seventy percent of our participants are people of color and diverse backgrounds. Our participants are reflective of the diversity in Worcester community and the neighborhoods we serve. We are partnering with National Grid to support the roll-out of the Energy Infrastructure Academy, to provide employment opportunities to our program participants to develop the relevant skills required for high-quality jobs in the clean energy industry, with specific focus on candidates that are unemployed and underemployed adults over 18. The Energy Infrastructure Academy will provide a 200-hour certificate, including a stipend for a 3-week mini-co-op that will provide full time experience on a National Grid operations business unit, as well as a childcare stipend for the entire 200 hours of training. The program will prepare diverse candidates for entry level to mid-level union roles with National Grid.

TRA will be executing a formal Memorandum of Understanding with National Grid in the month of February 2023, which will outline firm commitments regarding the following:

1. 300 to be trained under the Energy Infrastructure Academy program during the period 2023-2028, of which between 25% and 50% will come from Worcester and surrounding communities.
2. 80% or more of candidates that represent a diversity or minority group or originate from disadvantaged communities.
3. 60% of candidates that gain employment into high-quality jobs after completion of the training program, either with National Grid, or any other employers.

TRA fully supports National Grid's efforts in providing skilling and employment opportunities to our community in the clean energy industry. We are excited to continue partnering with National Grid to ensure the success of this program.

Sincerely,


Kim Radcliffe

President/CEO

Training Resources of America, Inc.

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Dear Secretary Granholm,

I am writing to express that Worcester supports National Grid's Future Grid 2.0 project which will be key to advancing progress on the Commonwealth's decarbonization goals. The City works closely with National Grid on a wide variety of endeavors, and we are committed to supporting the creation of a local skilled workforce to help implement our transition to a clean, equitable and resilient energy economy. We understand that National Grid is partnering with schools in Worcester – namely Worcester Technical High School and Training Resources of America – to implement the Energy Infrastructure Academy program. The program aims to provide employment opportunities to our students to develop the relevant skills required for high-quality jobs in the clean energy industry.

The City of Worcester is committed to supporting this program that would provide meaningful employment to our residents, with specific focus on candidates that are unemployed and underemployed adults over 18. The City will conduct outreach with our residents to ensure they are made aware of the energy career pathways, and the training programs available at our local schools.

In addition, National Grid engages with the City of Worcester on a routine basis to understand our residents' energy resource challenges. Based on this deep community engagement, National Grid is aware that our communities are concerned about the increasing costs of energy, and the need for reliable energy for both homeowners and renters as the state transitions to a fossil-free future. The City will work with National Grid to implement initiatives that provide more targeted and focused support to our residents in reducing the energy burden and improving energy resilience. These initiatives range from enhanced support in enrolling low-income customers in bill discount programs, accessing federal and state grant funding, and participation in energy efficiency initiatives.

The City of Worcester encourages National Grid's efforts to receive Department of Energy's grant funds for the Future Grid 2.0 project which will greatly improve employment opportunities for our residents. We are committed to supporting National Grid in successful implementation of the project.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Petty