

## Solar for All

### Workforce Training Request for Information

#### ***Background***

Solar for All (“SFA”) is a \$7 billion program under the EPA’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund that seeks to bring the benefits of solar energy to low-income and disadvantaged communities nationwide. Capital Good Fund, a nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution, has received \$156 million to serve the state of Georgia over the next five years through the Georgia BRIGHT Communities Initiative.

In addition to deploying rooftop and community-scale solar energy systems, the SFA program will benefit communities statewide by providing workforce training that will lead to quality, family-sustaining careers in the solar industry. This includes not only careers in solar installation, but in electrical; project management, estimating, and scheduling; roofing; tree pruning and removal; solar energy system design; operations and maintenance; permitting and inspection; and sales.

#### ***Timeline***

As lead grantee, Capital Good Fund is presently negotiating with the EPA to finalize our budget and workplan. It is not expected that EPA will sign off on our final budget and workplan until late Fall or early December, and no programming can be offered until *after* that sign-off. Therefore, we do not expect to begin to deliver any programming, or formally issue a Request for Proposals, until Q1 2025.

#### ***Request for Information***

To guide our budgeting for workforce training, Capital Good Fund is issuing this Request for Information for workforce training providers who are interested in potentially receiving funding through the program, either in the form of a subaward (for a nonprofit organization) or a contract (for a for-profit organization). We ask that you provide:

#### ***Organization Information and Contact Information***

Please provide your organization’s name; a brief description of the organization’s type (technical college, nonprofit organization, business, etc.), location, and mission; and the name, email address, title, and phone number for the best point of contact.

#### ***Workforce Development Track Record***

Please describe your firm or organization’s experience leading workforce development activities, providing at least one and no more than three examples of past training efforts.

Describe the length and format of the training, the skills that were taught, any certifications that were earned, and participant outcomes. Please also provide the credentials for the individual or individual(s) that would be responsible for leading the course, if known.

### *Training Overview*

Please describe the career(s) that the training would prepare participants to enter, the length and format of the training course, the number of trainees that could participate in the course at a time, the number of cohorts you might want to offer and the timing of those cohorts, any certifications that would be received, estimated costs per cohort or per trainee, and your plan for placing trainees into careers or into further training and education upon completion.

We recognize that wraparound supports are essential to a successful training experience and are prepared to consider budgets that include stipends, transportation support, books and equipment, meals, test preparation materials, and certification/exam registration costs as appropriate.

### **Submission**

Responses should be returned to Alicia Brown, Director of Georgia BRIGHT, at [aliciab@capitalgoodfund.org](mailto:aliciab@capitalgoodfund.org) by 5 PM Eastern Standard Time on Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Disclaimer**

For the avoidance of doubt, this is **not** a Request for Proposals (“RFP”). Responses to this Request for Information will help to inform our budget and work plan and give us a better understanding of the workforce-development landscape. Workforce providers that do not respond to this RFI will not be at a disadvantage when replying to any RFPs. It will only be when we issue an RFP that we will be able to select contractors and / or sub-awardees, negotiate agreements with them, and then begin making payments in accordance with said agreement(s). As of this writing, Capital Good Fund is not able to access EPA funds to enter into contracts or agreements with workforce development providers.