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## Remote Alaskan Community Energy Efficiency Competition Community Efficiency Champion Pledge

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The Department of Energy's (DOE's) Remote Alaska Communities Energy Efficiency (RACEE) Competition is intended to significantly accelerate efforts by remote Alaskan communities and Alaska Native villages to adopt sustainable energy strategies through a competitive effort to elicit the best approaches. To participate in this effort, Communities commit to improving energy use and through that commitment will gain access to a Community Efficiency network.

### The Community Efficiency Champion Agrees to:

#### ✓✓ Commit

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- ◆ Publicly pledge to a reduce per capita energy usage by at least 15% by 2020 across the community
- ◆ Establish agreement among all local leadership to work together toward the pledge and to appoint a single Point of Contact for this project
- ◆ Participate in the Community Efficiency Champion peer-network to share information and support other Remote Alaskan Communities in improving energy efficiency

#### ✓✓ Take Action

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- ◆ Develop a community-wide plan and schedule to achieve energy savings pledge
- ◆ Identify and develop methods to track energy use and the impact of energy efficiency measures

#### ✓✓ Report Results

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- ◆ Share information on the energy efficiency implementation models used to achieve the energy savings pledge
- ◆ Provide regular quarterly progress reports on energy efficiency improvements, energy savings across the community, and energy performance at the facility level as the basis for recognition

### The Department of Energy Agrees to:

#### ✓✓ Assist

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- ◆ Provide targeted technical assistance (TA) resources, including access to TA partners, DOE and Alaska-specific energy analysis software tools, training and education activities, and technical guidance documents, to support Community Efficiency Champions' commitments to measure, track, and reduce energy use
- ◆ Collaborate, via TA partners, with community Efficiency Champion on a regular basis
- ◆ Provide financial assistance opportunity open only to Community Champion TA recipients to implement community energy plans.

#### ✓✓ Connect

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- ◆ Establish a Community Efficiency network to connect Champions with peer communities to foster the exchange of information and tools needed to make more informed, strategic decisions regarding their energy plans

#### ✓✓ Recognize Success

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- ◆ Provide national recognition to Champion for achieving program milestones and energy efficiency results
- ◆ Showcase Community Energy Champions who leverage, develop, and share innovative and cost effective implementation models



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Community Name:

Population:

Energy data for this community:

*Please provide available information about total energy use in your community (e.g., fuel and electricity consumption in kwh, gallons, or BTUs as appropriate). If available, also describe any energy data related to projects identified in the energy strategy below. Key information to include is data about the community's energy use: how much electricity (kWh) and fuel oil (gallons) the community has used over the last month, year, or several years and how much they cost. Additional information could include a non-residential building inventory, a list of buildings that have received energy audits, a list of buildings for which you have tracked energy use consistently over some period of time. Be as descriptive as possible using the information you already have readily available.*

If applicable, which methods/formats/tools (ARIS, AEA inventory template and protocols, utility SCADA, PCE reporting, or other relevant databases) were used to compile the Energy Data:

Is your community a current or former recipient of AEA program? (If yes, please describe).

### Community Information:

*Please provide 2-4 sentences to describe the community, including proximity to large population center, major employer type and name, economic burden of energy on the community and any other major issues that affect the community.*



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### Energy Strategy:

*Please describe how you plan to reduce energy use in 2-4 sentences. Include past successes with energy efficiency projects, barriers to energy efficiency projects and any technical assistance you have received on energy efficiency projects. Name and describe why the potential building or project would help the Community achieve their pledge, including estimated costs, suggested technical providers and partners to implement projects. Please identify the source of the estimates.*

Does your community and/or any partners qualify as a tribal government as defined in the NOTA?

### General Terms

- ◆ All parties concur that this agreement is wholly voluntary and may be terminated by either party at any time, and for any reason, with no penalty.
- ◆ Community Efficiency Champions will not construe, claim, or imply that its participation in the RACEE Competition constitutes federal government approval, acceptance, or endorsement of anything other than Champion's commitment to the program.
- ◆ The Community Efficiency Champion understands its participation in the RACEE Competition does not constitute federal government endorsement of Community Efficiency Champions or its buildings, homes, products, services, or industrial facilities.
- ◆ The Community Efficiency Champion understands that the activities it undertakes in connection with the RACEE Competition are voluntary and not intended to provide services to the federal government. Technical Assistance Organizations that partner with the Community Efficiency Champion will not submit a claim for compensation to any federal agency.



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### Pledge

My community/Alaska Native village is committed to at least a 15% reduction in energy use on a per capita basis by 2020, and agrees to the General Terms of the RACEE Competition [for more than three signatures, add additional signatures and contact information below]. To ensure an effective pledge, it is expected that representatives of all relevant local leadership (e.g., city, tribe, village corporation) should sign, as well as any partners listed in the Energy Strategy (e.g., a school district representative if a school building is targeted for improvements).

Community/Government Leader  
(signature)

Contact Information:  
[affiliation, title, address, phone, email]

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