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MA TEAM RECEIVES NATIONAL FUNDING TO DEVELOP LOW-INCOME SOLAR SHARING SOFTWARE

BOSTON - A team of Massachusetts organizations recently received funding from the fifth round of the American-Made Solar Prize to develop their equity-centered solar energy credit-sharing platform. The Solar Equity Platform (SEP) will allow solar installers and residential homeowners to build larger solar arrays that produce more energy than the host building uses and donate the excess energy produced to low-income households.

Under Massachusetts state solar policy, owners of systems who opt to donate their excess production are eligible for greater incentives than their project would receive without this low-income donation. In other words, systems oversized with the platform will result in improved project economics for the system owner and provide free electricity credits for low-income participants, all while making the most of available roof space to generate more clean energy.

The SEP team is led by Dorchester-based solar provider and B-corp, Resonant Energy. The software behind the platform is developed by Boston-based MySunBuddy. All In Energy, a Boston-area nonprofit, will run neighborhood-level outreach for the project, recruiting program participants through workshops, community events and door-knocking. The group is also partnering with Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation in Dorchester to solicit community feedback on the structure of the program and recruit interested participants.

"This funding is allowing our team to scale up a new way to bring clean energy to communities traditionally underserved by the solar industry," said Ben Underwood, co-CEO of Resonant Energy, "We've directly experienced the difficulty of installing solar on urban homes, particularly in Boston, because of the older buildings, outdated electrical infrastructure, and the difficulty of getting equipment onto roofs in dense neighborhoods. The Solar Equity Platform will enable us to make the most of roofs that are feasible for solar while directly benefiting low income residents of the surrounding neighborhood and beyond."

The American-Made Solar Prize is a multi-million-dollar prize competition administered by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and funded by the Solar Energy Technologies Office. The SEP team is the only team from New England selected to move on to the next round of the competition. In the final two phases of the competition, the team will compete to win over \$300,000 in cash in addition to vouchers for technical services through national labs.

About Resonant Energy

Resonant Energy is a community-based solar provider that believes that everyone has a right to clean affordable solar. We help under-invested communities take their place at the forefront of the global transition to clean energy. Through partnerships with local nonprofits, we deliver high-quality solar arrays for houses of worship, affordable housing providers, and homeowners – regardless of income. Thanks to our network of local investors, we are making solar power accessible for low-income households and nonprofits at no upfront cost, and in some cases, at no cost at all. We currently serve communities in Massachusetts, New York City, and Long Island.

About MySunBuddy

MySunBuddy is an independent software platform that enables its users to buy and sell net metering credits. We work with individual homeowners, businesses, solar installers and real estate developers to join our peer-to-peer solar network. www.mysunbuddy.com

About All In Energy

All In Energy is a 501(c)3 nonprofit with a mission to advance an inclusive clean energy economy. We bring energy efficiency and renewable energy to underserved communities while increasing job opportunities for diverse talent in the clean energy industry.

About Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation

The mission of the Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation (CSNDC) is to build a cohesive and resilient community in Codman Square and South Dorchester, develop affordable housing and commercial spaces that are safe and sustainable, and promote economic stability for low- and moderate-income residents of all ages.

About the American-Made Solar Prize

The American-Made Solar Prize is a multi-million-dollar prize competition designed to energize U.S. solar innovation through a series of contests and the development of a diverse and powerful support network that leverages national laboratories, energy incubators, and other resources across the country. The American-Made Solar Prize is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office and is directed and administered by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. [Learn more](#)