

Community Power Accelerator Prize

Team Name:	<i>Unity City</i>
City and State:	Pontiac, Michigan
Submission Title:	Unity City's Solar UP Project



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Organization Overview

The organization at the helm of the Unity City project is the Talent Development Coalition (TDC) consisting of more than 40 member organizations in Education, Industry, specifically the construction industries, Support Services, Community Based Organizations, and Civic leadership and growing. As active participants in several highly active community groups, TDC has its fingers on the pulse of the community and easy access to assessing community opinion, needs, and engagement, and as a result, it has influence in building awareness. 60% of our members are Black-owned, 25% White 12% Hispanic and 3% identify as other. We truly reflect and represent the demographic we serve.

Project Overview

- The goal is to have 1 MW of solar installation on brownfield sites in Pontiac and rooftops owned by the affordable housing agency, Lighthouse, who owns multiple units in the Justice40 community, Unity Park of Pontiac, Michigan, as well as solar installed on homes owned by LMI residents of Unity Park.

Meaningful Benefits

- TDC members, including Lighthouse, an affordable housing agency offers low- to moderate-income (LMI) access to homeownership. By reducing the energy burden experienced by these subscribers, we anticipate greater household savings and increased resilience. Lighthouse and its TDC partners support wealth-building opportunities and as a workforce development coalition, it supports training of Pontiac residents for access to the clean energy economy.