

# Community Power Accelerator Prize

<b>Team Name:</b>	<b>Weku Inc</b>
City and State:	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Submission Title:	Solar for Energy Burdened Oklahoma Communities



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## Organization Overview

Weku Inc. is a Black-owned social enterprise with the mission of making the transition to solar easy, especially for homeowners in disadvantaged demographics, while helping companies profitably reach their ESG goals in the most impactful and effortless way.

Weku is also an alum of the globally acclaimed TechStars Accelerator. Completing this program gave Weku a level of operational competency and experience not typical of a youthful organization such as itself. At the helm of this enterprise is Founder and CEO, Roy Sowah, and Co-Founder, and COO Archibald Ocloo-Lee. Equipped with engineering degrees, Roy and Archie's combined experience marries technical expertise with entrepreneurial approaches to growth and development. Under a previous business venture, Roy has completed over 20 residential and off-grid projects. Experience with the team is enthusiastic to transfer to this portfolio.

## Project Overview

This project portfolio includes four solar and battery systems of varying sizes, ranging from .9 MW to 5 MW. Each project will be located on Tribal Land. Two of these projects will be in Justice40 Census Tracts, while the other two are situated in rural areas.

A network of partner organizations is involved in bringing these projects to life and provides a diverse set of capabilities that makes the projects in this portfolio obtainable with the potential of delivering immense value for the communities in which they will be..

## Meaningful Benefits

Weku's business model is essentially built on three of the five meaningful benefits: greater household savings, low- to moderate-income (LMI) household access, and resilience and grid benefits.

A fourth meaningful benefit is encapsulated in Weku's Training Program, which provides opportunities for community members to transition from their low-paying jobs and receive training that will significantly increase their career and earning potential. This offering ensures that benefits do not stop at the affordable energy option Weku is creating. Instead, facilitating sustainable opportunities that will pave the way for generational wealth to be built within families and communities having not done so.