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## InClima and CESA Selected to Manage Energy Connector Platform

After an extensive search for a new organization to manage the [Energy Connector](#), a platform for connecting income-verified households to community solar projects, the U.S. Department of Energy's National Laboratory of the Rockies (NLR) has selected [InClima](#) alongside the [Clean Energy States Alliance \(CESA\)](#). This dynamic partnership has deep experience managing clean energy programs in multiple states and has the technical capabilities to continue supporting existing users. Additionally, InClima is [SOC II certified](#), demonstrating its high standards for protecting sensitive information. Management of the Energy Connector will transition from NLR to InClima in April 2026.

The Energy Connector was developed by NLR (formerly the National Renewable Energy Laboratory/NREL) in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to connect Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)-eligible households with community solar projects that have built-in consumer protections and savings requirements.

InClima is committed to continuing the core mission of the Energy Connector to support energy affordability for low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents by streamlining access to cost-saving community solar subscriptions with robust data and consumer protections. A veteran-owned small business, InClima has been running technically enabled renewable energy, energy efficiency, and income verification programs for utilities and public entities since its launch in December 2013.

"InClima is thrilled and honored to have been selected by NLR to continue the mission it established for the Energy Connector to bridge the LMI population with community solar. We look forward to working with the Connector's existing users to maintain and improve the platform, and to expanding the platform to new programs and additional states," said Kevin Quilliam, CEO of InClima.

CESA is a national, nonprofit coalition of state energy agencies and other organizations working together to advance clean energy technologies and bring the benefits of clean energy to all. CESA serves as the connective tissue among state clean energy specialists to accelerate learning and policy adoption across states. CESA also has strong relationships with NLR and other national energy labs.

“Community solar is an accessible way for low-and moderate-income households to benefit from solar and reduce their energy bills,” said CESA Executive Director Warren Leon. “The Energy Connector facilitates community solar development, and we are delighted to contribute to the growing success of this impactful platform.”

Together, InClime and CESA will support state partners, LIHEAP administrators, and subscription managers in leveraging the Energy Connector to serve their constituents, clients, and customers.

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