

Advancing Equitable Electric Mobility and Ensuring Equitable Implementation Addressing systems of inequity and racism in transportation.

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PORTLAND, ORE. – Forth and The Greenlining Institute have created the <u>Toward Equitable Electric</u> <u>Mobility (TEEM)</u> community of practice that aims to develop a national agenda for equitable electric mobility.

TEEM includes 21 organizations from across the U.S. focused on equity, public health, transportation, and clean energy. The cohort will build on local and state-level policy and harnesses the potential of growing Federal support for environmental justice and clean transportation as the Biden administration's clean transportation commitments open up new fields of possibility.

TEEM's peer-to-peer advocates will share best practices and develop strategies to advance electric mobility and engage local stakeholders to ensure that implementation on transportation programs happens in an equitable and efficient way.

The Biden Administration's recent <u>Executive Order</u> on addressing climate change outlined an ambitious set of proposals to spur the transition to electric vehicles, promote clean energy jobs, and deliver environmental justice.

"TEEM's work is based on the belief that we must engage with local stakeholders on these proposals so that implementation happens in an equitable and efficient way," said Alexa Diaz, Program Manager at Forth. "It is vital that we learn from the existing electrification and clean energy movements already happening across the country and build networks to share best practices and coordinate regional efforts."

TEEM will focus efforts on building community in the cohort and setting the foundation for equitable electric mobility policies and programs in Colorado, Illinois, North Carolina and Virginia before increasing the scope of the program to additional states. We will also share best practices and lessons learned from Greenlining and Forth's work in California and Oregon.

TEEM will:

- Build capacity for equity-focused and mainstream environmental organizations through funding and technical training on topics around racial equity and electric mobility
- Foster relationships between equity-focused and mainstream environmental and transportation organizations
- Provide state-specific policy strategizing for equitable electric mobility
- Co-develop equitable clean mobility tools, resources, and strategies

"A transportation revolution has begun, but if we're not careful we risk a sort of 'transportation redlining,' in which new, clean mobility options o to the white and wealthy first," said Isa Gaillard, environmental equity program manager at The Greenlining Institute. "For both justice and the state

of our climate, we have to do better, and that's what TEEM is about."

"SEEA is grateful to be a part of the Towards Equitable Electric Mobility initiative working to ensure that every person benefits from cleaner transportation," said Anne Blair of the <u>Southeast Energy</u> <u>Efficiency Alliance</u> (SEEA).

More information can be found <u>here</u>. Please contact program managers Alexa Diaz and Isa Gaillard at <u>alexad@forthmobility.org</u> and <u>isa.gaillard@greenlining.org</u> with any questions.

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The Greenlining Institute works towards a future where communities of color can build wealth, live in healthy places filled with economic opportunity, and are ready to meet the challenges posed by climate change.

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