

**PREFERENCE – NEARING NET ZERO PROJECT NARRATIVE TEMPLATE**

Offerors may receive additional preference by demonstrating that they will complete one of the following certifications: Passive House Institute US (PHIUS), Living Building Challenge Net Zero Energy Building Certification, or the U.S. Department of Energy’s Zero Energy Ready Home program. To obtain this preference, offerors must demonstrate that they are pursuing 2015 Enterprise Green Communities Criteria (GCC) certification or LEED certification at the Silver level or above and plan to certify with Passive House Institute US (PHIUS), Living Building Challenge Net Zero Energy Building Certification, or the U.S. Department of Energy’s Zero Energy Ready Home program. All project teams pursuing this preference must also incorporate solar photovoltaics in their projects and maximize their rooftop generation potential to the maximum extent as allowable by District codes and regulations.

Offerors must submit a signed PDF of the Nearing Net Zero Project Narrative Template. Using this template, offerors must provide narrative explanation of design strategies demonstrating how they will achieve Passive House Institute US (PHIUS), Living Building Challenge Net Zero Energy Building Certification, or DOE’s Zero Energy Ready Home program and solar photovoltaic deployment.

If selected, as a condition precedent to closing, offerors must meet with DCRA’s Green Building Division to demonstrate that they are on track to obtaining certification and installing solar photovoltaics to the maximum extent as allowable by District of Columbia codes and regulations.

As a condition precedent to closing offerors must also be registered with Passive House Institute US (PHIUS), Living Building Challenge Net Zero Energy Building Certification, or DOE’s Zero Energy Ready Home program. Once construction is complete, projects must demonstrate that they have achieved the appropriate certification.

Developer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street/City/State): \_\_\_\_\_  
Charrette Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nearing Net Zero Certification**

Please indicate which green building standard the project will to certify with to fulfill Nearing Net Zero. Please note that your selection must be included in your LEED scorecard or 2015 Enterprise Green Communities criteria checklist :

- Passive Housing Institute US
- Living Building Challenge Net Zero Energy Building
- U.S. Department of Energy’s Energy Ready Home

**Nearing Net Zero Certification Narrative**

Please provide a narrative explanation of the project’s design strategies demonstrating how you plan to achieve the certification listed above. Additionally, please outline your renewable energy strategy, including installing solar photovoltaics to the maximum extent as allowable by District codes and regulations. (1,000 word maximum).

Design & Development Team Members	
Please indicate the design and development team for your project below.	
Name	Role

<p><b>Prioritization Scoring: Nearing Net Zero Agreement</b></p>	<p>The following signatures provides a written commitment demonstrating that all parties involved in the execution and delivery of this project agree to be accountable to measures and strategies as outlined in application documents. Failure to complete the certification process for projects awarded prioritization scoring will jeopardize future funding eligibility from the DC Department of Housing and Community Development.</p>
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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Signatures must be provided by at the project manager, architect, engineer (MEP), general contractor. Optional signatures are not required but highly recommended.**

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**MANDATORY SIGNATURES:**

<p>&lt;Provide Signature of Green Development Team Member&gt;</p>	<p>&lt;Insert Date&gt;</p>
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**Project Manager:**      <PRINT Green Development Team Member's Name>

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<p>&lt;Provide Signature of Green Development Team Member&gt;</p>	<p>&lt;Insert Date&gt;</p>
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**Architect:**      <PRINT Green Development Team Member's Name>

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<p>&lt;Provide Signature(s) of Green Development Team Member(s)&gt;</p>	<p>&lt;Insert Date&gt;</p>
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**General Contractor:**      <PRINT Green Development Team Member's Name(s)>

<p>&lt;Provide Signature of Green Development Team Member&gt;</p>	<p>&lt;Insert Date&gt;</p>
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**Engineer (MEP):**      <PRINT Green Development Team Member's Name>



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**OPTIONAL SIGNATURES:**

<p>&lt;Provide Signature(s) of Green Development Team Member(s)&gt;</p>	<p>&lt;Insert Date&gt;</p>
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**Green Building Specialist:**

<PRINT Green Development Team Member's Name(s)>

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<p>&lt;Provide Signature(s) of Green Development Team Member(s)&gt;</p>	<p>&lt;Insert Date&gt;</p>
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**Energy and/or System Specialist:**

<PRINT Green Development Team Member's Name(s)>

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