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Comment on Community Benefits Plan, Section 2. Engage and Support a Skilled and Quality Workforce.

The DOE guidelines specify that [quote] A State should provide a description of how it plans to affirmatively support worker organizing and collective bargaining. This might include screening eligible contractors based on commitments from home energy upgrade contractors to remain neutral during any union organizing campaigns [end quote] (DOE 4.1.4 item 2, p.56). However, the Community Benefits plan not describe how it will do this, and instead merely states that TECH contractors will comply with the minimum legal requirements.

RECOMMENDATION: The CB must provide a description of how it plans to affirmatively support worker organizing and collective bargaining.

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(DOE refers to: US Department of Energy, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, Home Energy Rebate Programs Requirements and Application Instructions - Updated October 13, 2023.)