PROJECT SUMMARY

Name of Applicant: Florida State Energy Office, Florida Energy and Climate Commission, Executive Office of Governor

Principal Investigators:
Florida State Energy Office
Technical Assistance Program (UF and League of Cities)
Orange County
Sarasota County
St. Lucie County
Miami-Dade County
Leon County

Title of Project: A State-wide PACE Initiative: Transforming Florida's Retrofit Market

Objectives:
- Develop a sustainable PACE model that can be replicated around the state
- Penetrate markets with little to no retrofit activity, significantly reducing Florida's energy demand
- Educate Florida residents and industry about the benefits of energy efficiency and the PACE model
- Facilitate regional communication and coordination, ensuring best practices are implemented

Description of Project, Methods, Potential Impact and Major Participants:

The Florida State Energy Office (FSEO) has worked with key stakeholders to develop a state-wide PACE program. This initiative will develop a strong retro-fit market substantially reducing Florida's energy-use. Five counties (Orange, Sarasota, St. Lucie, Miami-Dade and Leon), which are geographically diverse, have emerged as leaders in energy-efficiency and renewable energy initiatives. In addition, these counties have been at the forefront of developing PACE programs and are ideal candidates for pilot PACE programs. This funding award will be used for accelerating development of these counties' programs and ensuring their success. Through these pilot PACE programs, a total of 4,944 homes will be retrofitted. This program will retrofit, in its first 2 years, 2.45% of its defined target market.

In addition, this program will create a Technical Assistance Program (TAP). TAP will be led by the University of Florida and work closely with the Florida League of Cities. TAP will coordinate with all five pilot PACE counties, documenting best practices and barriers encountered, and provide a portfolio of services to the five pilot counties and all other counties and municipalities interested in launching PACE programs. Through this state-wide PACE initiative Florida's retrofit market will be transformed, Floridians will have the opportunity to invest in energy saving technologies, and the state will substantially reduce its energy demand.