

### CenterState CEO Team - EPIC Prize Round 3, Phase 1

## **Accelerating a Clean and Equitable Syracuse (ACES)**

Syracuse, NY

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### Concept

Create opportunities for BIPOC founded energy firms to grow while providing access to energy efficient, sustainable housing for residents of historically disinvested Syracuse neighborhoods.

#### **Focus Areas**

DEIA Disadvantaged Communities Grid-interactive Efficient Building (GEB) Sector

### **Three Components**



Customer Discovery: GEB Supply Chain Diversity Consortium
 Goal: Expand access to supply chain opportunities for BIPOC startup founders.



2. Venture Formation: BIPOC GEB Accelerator
Goal: Accelerate startups led by BIPOC founders



- 3. Customer Validation: Energy Efficient Housing Pilots Goals:
  - Expand commercialization opportunities for startups through real world testing of prototypes
  - Expand access to energy efficient housing for LMI individuals living in LMI housing

# Target Impacts

- ↑ # BIPOC GEB Firms
- ↑ Energy Supply Chain Diversity
- ↑ Energy Innovation Commercialization
- ↑ Access to Energy Efficient Housing for LMI residents
- Income spent on energy costs for LMI residents