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## **INSTITUTE FOR POLICY INTEGRITY TO ASSIST WITH NEW EPA ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM**

*As part of a coalition led by WE ACT for Environmental Justice, the Institute will help support a newly formed Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center*

Today, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Michael Regan announced the launch of the [Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers](#). These regional Centers will provide technical assistance, training, and related support to communities with environmental justice concerns and their partners. The Institute for Policy Integrity at NYU School of Law is part of a coalition led by WE ACT for Environmental Justice that was selected to establish the Center for EPA’s Region 2, which includes New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and eight Indian Nations. The other members of the coalition that will run the Center include South Ward Environmental Alliance, New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance, Environmental Protection Network, Inter Metro, Clean Energy Group, and Columbia Climate School.

The Center will provide training, assistance, and capacity building on writing grant proposals, navigating federal systems such as Grants.gov and SAM.gov, and effectively managing grant funding. The Center will also provide guidance on community engagement, meeting facilitation, and translation and interpretation services. The Institute for Policy Integrity will focus on assisting groups with a variety of legal, economic, and policy matters.

**Burçin Ünel, Executive Director of the Institute for Policy Integrity at NYU School of Law, issued the following statement:**

*“These Centers will play a crucial role in empowering local communities to tackle pressing environmental and energy justice challenges. By offering a wide range of services, from technical assistance and grant navigation to community engagement and capacity building, our Center is committed to generating lasting improvements in the health, well-being, and resilience of underserved communities in the region. I am incredibly honored and excited to be partnering with WE ACT and other amazing organizations on this important effort.”*

**Al Huang, Environmental Justice Director of the Institute for Policy Integrity at NYU School of Law, issued the following statement:**

*“I’m excited to support WE ACT, the New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance, South Ward Environmental Alliance, and our other partners in leading this effort to address environmental and*

*climate challenges facing communities. Our Center will provide critical services to environmental justice communities throughout the region. We can't wait to begin this crucial work."*

Ünel and Huang are available for interviews on this topic.

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