

# Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Technical Assistance (TA) Providers in Georgia

Rural energy for America Program Technical Assistance (REAP TA) providers help REAP Applicants who are eligible Agricultural Producers and Rural Small Businesses apply for the REAP grant and loan.

**Golden Triangle Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc.**, providing technical assistance on Energy Efficiency Improvements for rural small businesses to include: Education and outreach regarding the USDA Energy Efficiency Improvements program; Assistance filing for System Award Management (SAM) and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) registrations; Assistance with completing a REAP grant application.; Helping to identify contractors who are qualified to perform Energy Assessments and Audits and Assistance with completion of environmental reports and/or documentation required for submittal of applications to the USDA REAP office.

Golden Triangle RC&D will target eligible and qualified Small Business in Baker, Clay, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Randolph, Seminole, Stewart, Sumter, Terrell, Thomas, Webster, and Worth counties.

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**Seven Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Area** will be providing REAP application technical assistance, program outreach and technical assistance to agricultural producers and small businesses.

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**Lattice Energy Solutions** and its member partner at Ag Solar Solutions provides education on various renewable energy systems, resources, and grants that are available, in addition to assisting qualified candidates to apply for the REAP grant and completing your project from beginning to completion.

As a recipient of the TAG grant through the USDA, Lattice Energy Solutions is also approved to assist in applying throughout the United States but have also been

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awarded the TAG technology assistance grant to cover all qualified candidates application costs; from the design engineering and grant writing fees Serving the Entire state of Georgia.

For a list of upcoming Lattice Energy Solutions presentations statewide and to see if you qualify, please go to [www.gareapgrant.com](http://www.gareapgrant.com) or call at 844-771-0787.

**Brown Irrigation and Electrical LLC**, is an agriculture irrigation business that strives to help ag producers and growers be successful in their area of business. Through the REAP TA Grant, they promote energy efficient ways to help ag producers increase their yields and become more successful in their crops each year. They also assist producers with the process of applying for REAP grants so that they can have equipment that will promote energy efficient projects to help conserve energy and replace fossil fuels in ag production.

Brown's service area is the areas that are in a fifty-mile radius of Hawkinsville, Georgia. These counties are Monroe, Bibb, Jones, Baldwin, Twiggs, Wilkinson, Washington, Johnson, Laurens, Treutlen, Montgomery, Wheeler, Telfair, Coffee, Ben Hill, Irwin, Turner, Worth, Crisp, Tift, Lee, Sumter, Schley, Taylor, Crawford, Peach, Houston, Macon, Dooly, Wilcox, Pulaski, Bleckley, and Dodge.

They have an extensive amount of experience. Jaye Brown, owner of Brown Irrigation, who is also an Electrical Engineer has been doing REAP projects for more than 11 years. Jaye has prepared information for energy audits. He has also provided renewable energy technical assistance to ag producers and small businesses. Jaye has successfully applied for approximately one hundred projects during this time. Cole Brown, degree in Ag Science in Environmental systems, has been helping producers apply for grants for one and a half years. Lesley Brown Ed.S., has been helping producers apply for grants for two years. Lesley has helped with gathering information, applicant responses and returning information.

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### **Background: Inflation Reduction Act**

As a core pillar of President Biden's Investing in America agenda, the Inflation Reduction Act is the largest investment in climate action in history. It is also the largest single investment in rural electrification since the Rural Electrification Act of 1936. The Biden-Harris Administration championed the Inflation Reduction Act to help provide new funding and unprecedented incentives to expand clean energy, transform rural power production, create jobs and spur economic growth. It is lowering energy costs, bringing opportunity to communities across America and tackling the climate crisis through investments in agriculture, forest restoration and rural communities.

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