







## **Indo-US PACEsetter Fund**

## SECOND CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The PACEsetter Fund has been established by the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the United States of America and administered by the binational Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF). The objective of the PACEsetter Fund is to accelerate the commercialization of innovative off-grid clean energy access solutions by providing early-stage grant funding that would allow businesses to develop and test innovative products, business models and systems. The Fund's focus is to improve the viability of off-grid renewable energy businesses that sell small scale (under 1 megawatt) clean energy systems to individuals and communities without access to grid connected power or with limited/intermittent access (less than 8 hours per day).

## The PACEsetter Fund would:

- award grants for direct support of innovative technology, business models and programs implemented in India by rural energy service companies; rural distribution companies/ franchisees; operations/maintenance companies; technology implementers/system integrators; enterprises; etc.
- consider awarding grants for product development, studies, research, capacity building and technical assistance, as long as this support will provide clearly significant support to companies and NGOs that set small-scale (under 1MW) clean energy systems to individuals and communities with none or limited access to grid-connected power; and,
- function in conformity with the objectives of the Partnership to Advance Clean Energy Research (PACE) initiative.

For submission guidelines and more details, please visit **www.pacesetterfund.org** or **www.iusstf.org**