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SELF Selected for 2015 CDFI Award

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The non-profit Solar and Energy Loan Fund (SELF) is honored to be selected by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) to receive a \$123,551 technical assistance grant award for 2015.

The CDFI Fund provides monetary awards to CDFIs to promote access to capital and local economic growth in urban and rural low-income communities across the nation. SELF was originally created in 2010 by the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners and has since transitioned into an independent CDFI and raised more than \$7 million in loan capital and grants. SELF is the only CDFI in Florida focused on providing financing for sustainable home improvements and was recently identified as 1 of 5 trailblazing CDFIs in America.

To date, SELF has financed \$3.85 million in micro-loans (typically about \$8,000 each) and helped 470 families complete sustainable home improvement projects in 33 jurisdictions in Florida. More than 2/3rds of the lending activity has occurred in low- and moderate- income (LMI) census tracts, 40% for women, and 20% for military families and veterans.

SELF's Executive Director, Doug Coward, said, "We are thrilled to receive this CDFI Fund award." He added, "Its validation of the hard work and innovation by the entire SELF team and our collective efforts to help working class families go green in Florida."

SELF's Chief Financial Officer, Duanne Andrade, added, "This grant will help the organization focus on delivering even more positive social, environmental and economic impacts in underserved communities throughout the Sunshine State."

For more information about SELF, please feel free to contact the organization by telephone at # (772) 468-1818 or visit www.solarenergyloanfund.org.