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NYC green energy advocate one of nine U.S. women honored by the federal Dept. of Energy

NEW YORK — (November 17, 2022) — Angelica Ramdhari, a director at New York City green energy non-profit [Solar One](#), was one of nine U.S. women recently honored by the federal Department of Energy (DOE) for her career work in bringing affordable clean energy projects to low-income Brooklyn and Bronx neighborhoods.



Ramdhari was presented the 2022 Clean Energy Education and Empowerment (C3E) Award last month in Washington, D.C. at an awards event and symposium attended by U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm. Now in its 11th year, [the C3E Initiative](#) - which aims to close the gender gap and increase the participation, leadership, and success of women in a diverse array of clean energy fields - is led by DOE in collaboration with the MIT Energy Initiative, Stanford University's Precourt Institute for Energy, and the Texas A&M Energy Institute.

“For too long, there has been a significant gender gap in the energy sector, meaning half the population have had a minimized impact on one of our most important industries,” Secretary Granholm said. “As we transition to a clean energy economy, we will have to tap into the pool of amazing women working in energy and grow their ranks. That’s why DOE is proud to recognize the winners of this year’s C3E Awards, a diverse group of changemaking women tackling some of the biggest challenges in energy.”

Ramdhari, a New York City native, is the director of Resilient Solar at Solar One. Her work focuses on the design and installation of novel solar and battery resilience projects in low-income coastal communities in Brooklyn and the Bronx following Superstorm Sandy in 2012. Solar One’s resilient solar projects provide clean energy and emergency blackout power to community facilities, including libraries and schools, in those neighborhoods at high-risk of extreme storm flooding. The “unique for NYC” feature of these projects is the battery storage functionality.

During the past decade, Ramdhari has helped create safer and more affordable battery systems for building owners; not only by designing the systems, but also by creating a roadmap for the

permitting process and collaborating with manufacturers. She hopes to continue developing more diversity in the energy sector as her career expands.

“The industry is very dynamic, but women are still underrepresented,” she said. To address this, she’s launched an Instagram campaign, [“Women in Energy Storage”](#) to highlight women in the battery industry. She is also working with Councilmember Shahanah Hanif on NYC’s first participatory budgeting initiative focused exclusively on climate change.

All nine of the C3E Award winners, who represented business, finance and technology sectors, are creating scientific breakthroughs, increasing energy access, boosting community resilience, and investing in groundbreaking technologies that will facilitate the clean energy transition, the DOE said in an October 4 statement.

About Solar One

Solar One is an environmental nonprofit organization working to expand access to clean energy in the New York City region. Our mission is to design and deliver innovative education, training, and technical assistance that fosters sustainability and resiliency in diverse urban environments. Our programs include K-12 environmental education, green workforce training, urban ecology, solar technical assistance, and community engagement through clean energy events and campaigns. Visit solar1.org for more information.

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