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## Reminder: Leverage EDF/RILA-Trained Fellows for Energy Projects



2016 Best Buy Fellow, Nitin Raviprasad

**Do you have an energy project that could use rapid acceleration?**

Since 2008, EDF's Climate Corps Fellowship Program has matched more than 700 graduate fellows and businesses - [including many retail companies](#) - to identify over \$1.5 billion in energy savings.

**After a successful pilot in 2016, RILA will again be offering special training, resources, and direct assistance to any fellow paired with a retail company.**

**For the first time, RILA is also offering financial assistance to companies who would not otherwise be able to host a fellow.**

[Applications are open](#) (due to EDF February 3) for the summer of 2017.

Retailers in need of partial fellowship cost subsidization should also [fill out this form](#).

[Contact me](#) if you have questions or would like to schedule an informational call with me and EDF.

### Climate Corps Program Overview

#### Program Summary:

[EDF Climate Corps](#) embeds trained graduate students in organizations to help meet their energy goals by accelerating energy efficiency and clean energy projects in their facilities. In just one summer, fellows will get projects on the fast track to accomplishment – improving the organization's bottom line and environmental impact at the same time. By working with over 400 organizations in the public and private sector, EDF Climate Corps has uncovered over \$1.5 billion in energy savings.

#### Company Requirements:

The basic company requirements to participate are to:

- Pay the fellow's salary (\$1,250/week for 10-12 weeks) and travel expenses to the pre-fellowship training and post-fellowship Network Event (not to exceed \$2,500 total).
- Provide a high-level project sponsor and direct supervisor for the fellow.
- Report project results to EDF after completion of the fellowship.

**Case Studies:**

Below are a few project examples from last year to help you and your team think through how best you might use this resource. In addition to the examples below, you should feel free to peruse the [full database](#) of past host organizations and their projects (which you can filter by location, industry, etc.). I am happy to suggest additional case studies if your team has interest in particular areas.

- **Best Buy** – EDF fellow identified process changes and new technologies that could save Best Buy up to \$3 million per year in energy expense. Read more [here](#).
- **Express** – EDF fellow recommended measures that are expected to save up to 20% of annual energy costs, up to 40 million kilowatt hours of electricity, and up to 27,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions. *Express hired her full time!* Read more [here](#).
- **REI** – EDF fellow developed a strategic energy roadmap to help guide REI's energy management capital spend over the next three years. Read more [here](#).

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