



## **Houston-based HTXelerator Achieves Carbon Neutrality Through Renewable Energy Credit Donation from Roots Clean Energy**

**HOUSTON – October 27, 2021** – [HTXelerator](#), a non-profit organization dedicated to preparing future-minded Houstonians for public service, announced today the organization has achieved carbon neutrality through the donation of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) donated by Houston-based [Roots Clean Energy](#). HTXelerator was presented with a Certificate of Environmental Stewardship that recognizes the organization has offset their carbon footprint and reduced emissions from electricity usage through renewable energy sourced from a Texas wind farm.

“HTXelerator is committed to building civic leaders across Houston who are community-minded and focused on sustainable growth,” said [Randy Romman](#), Executive Director of HTXelerator. “Through mentorship with former elected officials and training on the processes of city government, cohort members are prepared to serve on boards and commissions or hold public office, where they can advance societal priorities. Being carbon neutral aligns perfectly with our long-term commitment to be responsible stewards of the future of Houston.”

Through the equivalent of 50 RECs donated by Houston-based Roots Clean Energy, HTXelerator will avoid an estimated 35.4 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through 2022. The environmental impact is significant and is the equivalent of:

- 89,053 miles driven by an average passenger vehicle
- 3987 gallons of gasoline consumed
- 82 barrels of oil consumed
- 39,165 pounds of coal burned
- 12.1 tons of waste recycled instead of landfilled

“There are countless small business owners and organizations across Houston that don’t realize how simple it is to take advantage of renewable energy sources,” said Alex Sowyrda, president of Roots Clean Energy. “We’re excited that the future leaders of Houston can carry the message back to their communities that you don’t have to operate an industrial facility, or commercial building to offset your carbon footprint. Collectively, small business and organizations across Houston can be a part of the solution to pass on a cleaner planet for future generations.”

### **About HTXelerator**

The HTXelerator is an innovative and unique program that recruits, and trains community leaders interested in advocating for future-focused city policy, serving on a city board or commission or, in some instances, running for city council.

Similar to a tech accelerator, the three-month program trains class members on the nuts and bolts of city government, matches each member of the 25-person cohort with a mentor — most of whom are current or

former elected officials — and ends with a competition, known as The Pitch, which enables each participant to put forward a policy platform that they would advocate in a hypothetical race.

**About Roots Clean Energy**

Based in Houston, Roots Clean Energy is a sustainable energy consultancy that provides electricity users with renewable energy solutions and customized green energy products to achieve emissions reductions. From wind, solar and hydro projects, Roots works closely with companies to build renewable energy programs with customized sustainability solutions that meet company goals and budget. For more information visit [www.rootscleanenergy.com](http://www.rootscleanenergy.com).

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