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Best EcoHealth Solution

Organization/Company Name

Provide the official name of your company or organization.

Global Environment & Technology Foundation

Overview (Up to 500 words)

Provide key information about the company, including its origins, mission, and core philosophy.

Describe the solution, impact, and sector focus (e.g., water management, renewable energy, circular economy, waste management, sustainable agriculture, net-zero initiatives, etc.).

Globally, 2.1 billion people lack access to safely managed drinking water and 4.5 billion lack safely managed sanitation. Together, Global Environment & Technology Foundation (GETF) and Global Water Challenge (GWC) are leading designers and managers of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programming across Africa, Latin America and Asia.

Established in 1988, GETF is a leading 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that designs and manages high impact public-private partnerships improving the lives of over 57 million people in over 100 countries through water security and water access initiatives, health systems strengthening, circularity, entrepreneurship, community empowerment, sustainable agriculture and resilience.

GETF also serves as the Secretariat for Global Water Challenge (GWC), a sector leader in mobilizing clean water access, advancing water security and community empowerment in high-need regions around the world. Since 2005, GWC has positively impacted more than 3 million people across Africa, the Americas and Asia with improved WASH delivery while providing critical tools, data and best practices to reach millions more. With our 100+ multi-sector partners, we engage for action - catalyzing financial resources and driving innovative programming for sustainable, local solutions.

Two of GETF and GWC's current partnership platforms that are addressing climate and health through improved WASH access globally include Aliados por el Agua and Cargill Currents.

In 2021, GETF and Coca-Cola Latin America created Aliados por el Agua, a high-impact regional WASH and watershed protection platform shared with a network of organizations in the Latin America region. Aliados por el Agua brings together projects that seek to promote healthy watersheds, return to nature the water used in its products and increase access to WASH for two million people in 18 countries by 2030. To date, the platform is on pace to exceed its targets, having reached over 1.8 million people with 80 projects launched across 19 countries. Aliados por el Agua also aims to promote climate resilience and women's empowerment through water-related programming.

In 2021, GWC and Cargill also launched Cargill Currents, a partnership platform that works to improve clean water access and global water security in priority regions around the world. The program is designed to build community resilience, promote economic development and deliver multiple socio-economic and sustainability co-benefits, including improved community health, empowerment of women, enhanced watershed health, improved farmer livelihoods and climate change resilience.

To date, Cargill Currents has positively impacted nearly 200,000 people with improved WASH access in priority communities while advancing water security in critical basins. Through completed projects in Brazil and West Africa, Cargill Currents has also contributed to the empowerment of 60,078 women through time savings, skills building and income generating activities. With an expansion through 2027, Cargill Currents aims to scale its impact, tackling water-related challenges in both communities and critical basins around the world across five continents: Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America.

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Climate Health & Alignment with UN SDGs / National Policy Guidelines (500 words)

Please explain how your innovation mitigates or adapts to climate-related health risks and aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and national climate policies.

A primary goal of GETF is to achieve UN SDG 6 through effective collective action and context-driven programming. Both Aliados por el Agua and Cargill Currents strategically contribute to climate resilience and public health, with a specific focus on water security in vulnerable communities and watersheds. These initiatives support national climate policies by enhancing water security and promoting sustainable resource management, which aids communities in adapting to climate change impacts. Aliados promotes climate resilience by focusing on healthy watersheds. It integrates climate-smart approaches within its watershed management programs, an example of which includes forest fire prevention and early warning systems to build the resilience of the landscape in Guatemala. Its emphasis on enhancing access to WASH for communities, which is crucial for reducing waterborne diseases and improving overall physical health, addresses key climate-related health risks.

Cargill Currents aims to build climate and community resilience through various activities, including improving water access and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. Examples include restoring riparian habitats and reducing sedimentation in the San Joaquin River basin to create climate change-resilient water systems as part of the Cargill Currents North America program. This work improves community health by enhancing WASH access and promoting water security, particularly in communities where Cargill operates or sources crops. Cargill Currents emphasizes improved community health, farmer livelihoods, women's empowerment and community resilience to climate change as key benefits. This holistic approach recognizes that access to WASH significantly impacts not only physical health but also broader socioeconomic well-being and resilience.

Both Aliados por el Agua and Cargill Currents recognize the interconnectedness of water security, climate resilience, and health. They contribute to:

- **Improved Physical Health:** By ensuring access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities, these programs provide essential services linked to reduced incidence of waterborne diseases, including diarrhea, cholera and typhoid,
- **Stronger Social Health:** Improved WASH infrastructure and community involvement foster a sense of ownership, dignity and strengthened social connections, which are vital for building resilient communities capable of addressing various challenges, including climate change. Reduced illnesses due to improved WASH allow individuals to participate more actively in social and economic activities, further benefiting community health.
- **Empowered Women:** Both initiatives recognize and prioritize the role of women in water-related issues and actively integrate women's empowerment components through training, skills

development and income-generating opportunities, particularly in water-stressed regions. This strengthens social capital and improves overall community resilience and health outcomes.

GETF harnesses the power of the private sector to tackle critical challenges in support of the SDGs. By motivating business to set ambitious goals, collaborate across sectors and leverage core capacities - we help achieve more impact for more people, faster. By engaging for action, GETF and GWC leverage our vast network of over 600 cross-sector partners to serve as a unified voice of influence with more resources and greater scale.

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Measurable Impact (300 words)

Explain how you benchmark success and impact using scientific validation and quantifiable metrics where possible (e.g., peer-reviewed publications, Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) data, partnerships, net-zero targets, CO₂ reduction, resource efficiency, waste diversion rates, improved health outcomes, etc).

GETF focuses on success metrics by developing and consistently applying a Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) framework across all projects aligned with Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). All program Theories of Change, M&E frameworks, assertions and criteria, as well as associated indicators, are developed with our partners.

To effectively capture project portfolio impacts, GETF's M&E frameworks are developed in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), sector best practices, and water industry standards such as the Alliance for Water Stewardship, the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme, the World Resources Institute's Volumetric Water Benefits Accounting Methodology, the WASH4work's WASH Benefits Accounting Methodology Framework, GWC's women for water Ripple Effect Study and the CEO Water Mandate & Water Resilience Coalition's Net Positive Water Impact concept.

GETF deploys our M&E expertise at every project stage. Before a project launches, GETF coordinates with implementing partners to review project targets/deliverables and establish plans for project monitoring, evaluation, ongoing operations and maintenance, sustainability, handover and post-implementation monitoring. GETF ensures productivity monitoring costs are embedded within the implementing partners' total project costs. If needed, we also facilitate volumetric water benefits (VWBs) pre-quantification, particularly relevant for projects with complex activities difficult to measure in volumetric benefit terms.

Once projects are launched, GETF works closely with implementing partners to monitor progress through regular communication, milestone reporting and field visits assessing infrastructure, nature-based solutions and stakeholder engagement. GETF adapts to challenges by working with partners to develop alternative plans as needed. This promotes transparency, communication and trust among all stakeholders.

Following the successful local handover of completed projects and with support from partner organizations, GETF can continue post-implementation partner coordination to monitor project results and sustainability. GETF can also facilitate the quantification of VWBs.

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Current Stage & Market Potential (500 words)

Describe the current stage and potential for scaling your solution to new markets, industries, or geographies. If any, include details on market demand, regulatory considerations, barriers to scale, adoption strategy and long-term sustainability.

Delivering impact at scale is a key tenet of GETF's mission. Aliados por el Agua is a successful example of a GETF scaled solution to a new geography. The platform was built on the framework of the Replenish Africa Initiative (RAIN), GETF's largest water security program to date.

Managed by GETF, RAIN was introduced in 2009 as The Coca-Cola Foundation (TCCF)'s flagship community water platform for Africa. The RAIN program was developed to address Africa's key growth challenges and to also be a primary contributor to the UN SDG on clean water and sanitation access (SDG 6) across the continent. RAIN delivered multiple sustainability benefits for 41 countries on the African continent, including clean water access, sanitation, hygiene education, sustainable water sources, climate resilience, nature-based solutions and economic empowerment opportunities through water.

With high market demand in Latin America, the Aliados por el Agua, which is currently in its implementation phase, could be further scaled throughout the region.

Cargill Currents is also in its implementation phase. The program is slated to expand through 2027, and aims to scale its impact geographically, tackling water-related challenges in both communities and critical basins around the world across five continents: Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America.

Both platforms are designed and managed to optimize efficiencies and amplify impact at scale through centralized management, governance, monitoring, evaluation and learning and fiscal management. They are designed to scale through facilitating collective action across stakeholders and supporting locally designed and context-specific solutions with communities. Through innovative tools we are developing, such as centralized geospatial mapping of key investments in watersheds, these programs can scale direct impact through further investment, and indirect impact through sharing intelligence on watershed programming to inform future investments in these communities and watersheds.

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Staff and Advisors (500 words)

Describe your team's expertise (e.g., academic standing, intellectual property contributions, research collaborations, and professional communications). Highlight the team's role in innovation, policy influence, and industry leadership.

GETF is an organization with a team of international development specialists focusing on strategic partnerships and project management to address global issues. We deploy experts in over 100 countries with a focus on clean water, climate, technology, health and economic empowerment.

The team is led by CEO Monica Ellis, a sustainable development leader who specializes in creating high-impact partnerships with companies, government agencies, and philanthropists. A sustainable development leader, Monica has worked throughout the world on a range of natural resource and economic development issues, focusing particularly on clean water, climate, technology, health and

economic empowerment issues. Monica specializes in developing high-impact, collective action partnerships with leading companies, government agencies, civil society and philanthropists that result in resilient communities. Under her leadership, GETF and our sister organization GWC have mobilized over \$500 million for clean water access and community development, benefiting millions in Africa, the Americas and India.

Leading the Cargill Currents and Aliados por el Agua platforms are Malick Keita and Mauricio Chavarria, respectively.

Malick Keita is GETF and GWC's Senior Director: Corporate Water Partnerships.

Malick manages key donor relations, strategy development and partnership building. Malick has worked with a wide range of public, private and civil society partners at GETF and GWC to deliver multi-million-dollar programs aimed at promoting the well-being and productivity of vulnerable communities, which currently include Cargill Currents and the Africa Water Stewardship Initiative. Previously, Malick managed the Replenish Africa Initiative (RAIN). RAIN measurably improved access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) for over seven million people across 41 African countries. This experience, coupled with his upbringing in Mali, has allowed Malick to develop a better understanding of socio-economic and environmental needs and priorities in distinct parts of the world.

Mauricio Chavarria is the Corporate Engagement Lead for Latin America at GETF and GWC. He is an executive with expertise in leading strategic communications and sustainability initiatives that transform lives, enhance reputation, and secure corporations' social license to operate. His private-sector experience includes marketing and communications roles in multinationals such as Philip Morris, SABMiller, The Coca-Cola Company and Latin American companies.

The team is advised by leading experts in WASH and environmental resilience:

- William K. Reilly, Founding Partner, Aqua International Partners: A former U.S. EPA Administrator and a founding partner of a private equity fund focused on water and renewable energy.
- Jeff Seabright, Co-Founder, Imagine: Formerly the Chief Sustainability Officer at Unilever and a U.S. government official who served in the U.S. State Department and the White House Climate Change Task Force.
- Hank Habicht, Managing Partner, Water Finance Exchange: A former U.S. EPA Deputy Administrator and Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources at the U.S. Department of Justice.
- Alexandra Cousteau, Founder, Oceans 2050: A filmmaker and environmental activist who continues her family's legacy of ocean advocacy and works on conservation and sustainable water management.

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Financial Structure. (500 words)

Describe how your innovation is funded and sustained (e.g., key investors, funding sources, financial stakeholders, royalties, grants, revenue-sharing agreements, strategic partnerships such as academic institutions, equity groups, corporate alliances, and angel investors, etc.).

Partnerships with business underpin GETF's work. From medium-sized enterprises to Fortune 500 corporations, our operating model strengthens private sector sustainable economic growth by working across commercial value chains with communities to create shared gains. By deepening strategic commitments, surfacing and deploying innovative and proven approaches, products and

ideas, we deliver business growth while unlocking financial, human and natural capital for social impact.

Additionally, GETF has a successful track record in establishing federal, state, interagency and industry coalition building partnerships to support environmental goals. The Foundation has excellent working relationships with many federal agencies that are central to energy, environmental and water resource protection. GETF holds considerable knowledge of the inner workings of the state and federal environmental and energy community, industry and other organizations that enable GETF to serve as an "honest broker" and provide outreach, education and coalition building opportunities to a range of stakeholders to address complex environmental challenges.

GETF secures grants for our programming through private sector businesses, foundations and government departments and agencies. Charity Navigator has rated GETF 100 out of 100 for financial health, accountability and transparency.

The GWC coalition comprises over 100 development-oriented partners along with leading donor partners, including The Coca-Cola Company, Cargill, Kohler, Ford Motor Company, The Starbucks Foundation, The Hilton Foundation, Wallace Genetic and Vitol Foundation. We collaborate with leading government organizations, academic institutions, social enterprises and multilateral agencies. GWC's cross-sector partnerships catalyze financial support and innovative WASH programming to improve community health, women's empowerment, access to education and climate resilience.

The Cargill Currents program is currently funded through a grant from Cargill. Financial support for the Aliados por el Agua platform comes through grants from The Coca-Cola Foundation.

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Regulatory Compliance & Certifications (Optional Uploads)

If appropriate, provide any regulatory approvals, environmental certifications, or compliance documents demonstrating adherence to sustainability standards (e.g., ISO 14001, B Corp Certification, LEED, WELL, SBTi commitments, REACH, USDA, etc.).

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Community & Social Impact (500 words)

Explain how your innovation benefits local communities, underserved populations, or public health (e.g., job creation, social equity, environmental justice, improved quality of life, tourism, etc.).

As an integral part of the leading clean water initiatives GETF and GWC have developed, our programs build local capacity - demonstrating that sustained impact depends on central management that is structured in governance and adaptable in programming to meet business goals and local needs. GETF and GWC's WASH programs apply community-based approaches to address water challenges. Because water challenges vary across regions, our programs are tailored to meet local needs.

For the Cargill Currents program, local needs include water-smart agriculture, skills-building and income generating activities. By advancing water security and promoting economic development within communities, the Cargill Currents platform also delivers multiple socio-economic and sustainability co-benefits to the communities it invests in. These benefits include improved

community health, improved farmer livelihoods, women's empowerment and community resilience to climate change.

For the Aliados por el Agua platform, gender inclusivity and equity are embedded throughout the program's design and implementation. Leveraging insights and expertise in gender and water, GETF and GWC designed a women for water Framework for Action and toolkit for Aliados por el Agua to intentionally impact women and girls positively by promoting additional components related to health, climate resilience and economic empowerment.

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Document Uploads: Supporting Data & Evidence and References

Include letters of support, endorsements, or formal commitments from third parties, such as pilot partners, policymakers, academic institutions, news articles, or industry leaders, validating your approach and impact.

Provide quantifiable metrics, case studies, third-party assessments, or regulatory approvals to support your application. Please label all files with your company name and asset name.

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Attached Files:

- [GETF2025ImpactUpdate.pdf](#)
- [gwc_all_together_now_2024.pdf](#)

Final Submission

You have now validated and submitted your application and are officially a candidate to the Prix Galien USA 2025.

We wish you great success.