Overview of Come to the Table’s Technical Assistance (TA) Practice

**What types of projects can Come to the Table support?**
- Faith communities and faith-based organizations engaged in food justice and access
- Secular food justice projects seeking to incorporate support or participation of the faith-based community
- Farmers, farmer organizations, community organizations, farmers markets or food entrepreneurs working on projects to increase access to healthy foods, including those seeking to partner or engage with faith-based organizations

**What are the goals of Come to the Table’s Technical Assistance (TA) Program?**
- Participants achieve greater impact in their food justice programs as a result of technical assistance
- Food justice programs address root causes of hunger and, where possible, effectively integrate entrepreneurship models for increased sustainability
- Increased capacity of faith-based projects and other community-based projects, as evidenced by improved performance

**What kind of assistance is offered?**
- “Traditional” TA provided by RAFI-USA staff and nonprofit professionals
- Peer learning from local experts (farmers, those running successful projects)
- Mini grants where appropriate as part of a TA project

**What are some of the Technical Assistance topics that Come to the Table can provide, refer, or support?**

**Evaluation**
- Creating an evaluation plan
- Data analysis and/or Excel

**Board Development**
- Engaging/training board members
- Recruiting new board members
- Board equity evaluation

**Fundraising**
- Creating a fundraising plan
- Grant writing
- Individual donor programs
- Business sponsorships
- Identifying grant opportunities
- Other assistance with grant applications, including budgeting

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- Fiscal sponsorship setup
- Support with community engagement

**Growing Food**
- Production skills (growing techniques)

**Other Areas**
- Project planning
- Agricultural Enterprise Consultation
- Business planning
- Creating a marketing plan
- Building partnerships
- Farmers market/faith community collaboration
- Implementing SNAP at a farmers market
- Implementing a matching incentive program at a farmers market
- Using faith-based language to talk about justice or environmental stewardship
- Building a basic website

**Come to the Table Technical Assistance Process**

**Offering of services listed based upon resource availability and program compatibility**

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