

NYSERDA's Saratoga Technology + Energy Park® Seeks Developer for LEED-Certified Retail Center

New STEP® Project to Attract Lifestyle Businesses for its Growing Workforce

MALTA, N.Y. – The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is seeking a developer to build a LEED-certified retail center at its Saratoga Technology + Energy Park.

NYSERDA has invited proposals from qualified developers to design, construct, finance, lease and maintain a retail complex or mixed-use building on the STEP property, located near Northway Exit 12. The project is expected to attract businesses such as a deli or coffee shop, fitness center, daycare center, dry-cleaners or other small businesses that will serve employees located on the property.

STEP is a community of clean-energy and environmental companies looking for strategic locations to build and grow in the heart of New York's Tech Valley. In keeping with the clean-energy theme, the proposed building will be required to earn a LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. At least one member of the design team must be a LEED-certified professional.

LEED stands for Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design, and is an internationally-recognized certification system used to encourage construction practices that result in energy-saving buildings. Proposals are due Dec. 11, 2012.

“STEP has grown considerably since NYSERDA created it ten years ago, and this project will continue to make the site even more attractive to prospective tenants,” said Francis J. Murray Jr., President and CEO of NYSERDA. “NYSERDA is proud to have a role in bringing clean-energy businesses to New York State, which is STEP's mission.”

NYSERDA's request for proposals comes at a time of growth for the tech park. The property, located next to the GLOBALFOUNDRIES Fab 8 facility set to open later this year, now has more than 300 employees, with more growth expected.

Created in 2001 by NYSERDA, STEP also offers programs, services, partnerships and amenities to support the success of companies and employees located on its campus, ranging from mentoring and networking programs to hiking and biking trails.

The new facility promises to create more opportunities for employees to network with workers from different companies, as well as make the site even more attractive to businesses looking to relocate.

NYSERDA, a public benefit corporation, offers objective information and analysis, innovative programs, technical expertise and funding to help New Yorkers increase energy efficiency, save money, use renewable energy, and reduce their reliance on fossil fuels. NYSERDA professionals work to protect our environment and create clean-energy jobs. NYSERDA has been developing partnerships to advance innovative energy solutions in New York since 1975.