



Dear GJGNY Advisory Council Members and Constituency Based Organization (CBO) Partners,

We are pleased to announce two changes we believe will help smooth the transition of Green Jobs-Green New York (GJGNY) to focus more on underserved communities. One is a change to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) Constituency-Based Organization (CBO) outreach program. The other is a revision to Green Jobs-Green New York (GJGNY) financing changes that were announced in early December.

We recognize the value in partnering with CBOs to help underserved communities participate in energy efficiency and renewable energy services. Therefore, NYSERDA is extending successful CBO contracts through June 2016 to ensure there is no gap in community outreach between the current contracts and the new community approaches to be developed under the proposed Clean Energy Fund (CEF). We will increase funding proportionately. NYSERDA looks forward to continuing to work with GJGNY CBOs during this period to examine how our community-based outreach and education activities can be most effective going forward.

As a result of valuable feedback from stakeholders, the GJGNY financing program will remain open for applications from small businesses and not-for-profits, rather than closing on April 1, 2015 as previously announced. We have determined that this financing support is needed to continue recent growth in these segments of the energy-efficiency market, particularly in low- to moderate-income communities.

We recognize that communication is critical to strong and transparent relationships with our partners, stakeholders, and customers. Our desired outcome has been, and continues to be, a more robust, statewide clean energy market able to deliver economic development and environmental benefits for all New Yorkers.

We look forward to working with you as we continue our transition to the proposed CEF. Please contact Karen Hamilton at (518) 862-1090 ext 3275 or at karen.hamilton@nyserda.ny.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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