

# Resources for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBES) in Renewable Energy

These programs provide incubation, training, and support for MWBEs looking to enter or grow within the renewable energy industry. These resources—offered by government agencies, nonprofits, and private companies—support MWBEs through certification guidance, access to supply chains, capacity-building, and funding opportunities. Resources for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOBs) and Small Business Enterprises are also included.

## Offshore Wind

### NYC Waterfront Pathways Program – New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC)

[edc.nyc/program/nyc-waterfront-pathways-program](http://edc.nyc/program/nyc-waterfront-pathways-program)

This program increases access for MWBEs to offshore wind and waterfront projects in NYC. Participants receive top-tier training, technical assistance, and the opportunity to become prequalified for NYCEDC contracts.

### We Source NYC – New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC)

[wesource.nyc](http://wesource.nyc)

We Source NYC connects NYC manufacturers, suppliers, and service providers—especially MWBEs—with offshore wind supply chain opportunities. The initiative identifies high-demand goods like electrical components, steel, paints, and safety equipment, which can be locally sourced.

### Innovation Hub – Equinor

[offshorewindnyc.com](http://offshorewindnyc.com)

The Innovation Hub fosters local and international startups in the offshore wind sector. It connects entrepreneurs, innovators, investors, and communities to accelerate technology deployment and workforce development.

### Supply Chain Connect – Oceantic Network

[oceantic.org/supplychain](http://oceantic.org/supplychain)

Oceantic Network's Supply Chain Connect allows companies to publicly indicate their interest and ability to supply components and services for U.S. offshore renewable energy projects. It also serves as a valuable resource for companies looking to buy from and partner with other offshore energy firms.

## More Resources for MWBEs in New York

### Division of Minority and Women's Business Development – Empire State Development (ESD)

[esd.ny.gov/doing-business-ny/mwbe](http://esd.ny.gov/doing-business-ny/mwbe)

DMWBD is New York State's central resource for helping MWBEs succeed through certification, business development support, and access to state contracting opportunities.

### NYPA Supplier Diversity Program – New York Power Authority (NYPA)

[nypa.gov/procurement/supplier-diversity](http://nypa.gov/procurement/supplier-diversity)

NYPA actively supports MWBEs through its procurement processes, promoting subcontracting and supplier opportunities on major energy infrastructure projects.

### Regional Clean Energy Hubs

[nyserdera.ny.gov/CE-Hubs](http://nyserdera.ny.gov/CE-Hubs)

NYSERDA created the Regional Clean Energy Hubs to help New Yorkers access and navigate opportunities in the clean energy economy.

### Workforce Development Institute (WDI)

[wdiny.org/Explore-Our-Work/Energy-and-Climate](http://wdiny.org/Explore-Our-Work/Energy-and-Climate)

WDI supports workforce adaptation in New York's energy sector by funding training programs, conducting policy research, and developing hands-on workforce solutions. While not MWBE-exclusive, WDI works with community-based partners to ensure inclusive access to offshore wind career paths and clean energy opportunities.

### Retool WNY – Jamestown Board of Public Utilities

[retoolwny.jamestownbpu.com](http://retoolwny.jamestownbpu.com)

Retool WNY positions Chautauqua County and the broader Western New York region as a hub for clean energy manufacturing. It supports regional manufacturers investing in clean tech.



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## How to Get MWBE Certified

### New York City MWBE Certification:

- **Administered by:** New York City Department of Small Business Services (SBS).
- **Eligibility:** Businesses must be at least 51% owned, operated, and controlled by U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are women and/or members of recognized minority groups.
- **Benefits:** Certification allows businesses to compete for contracts with NYC agencies and prime contractors, and to be listed in the NYC Online Directory of Certified Businesses, increasing visibility to potential buyers.

### New York State MWBE Certification:

- **Administered by:** Empire State Development (ESD), Division of Minority and Women's Business Development.
- **Eligibility:** Similar ownership and control requirements as the city's program.
- **Benefits:** Certification provides access to state contracts, inclusion in the New York State Contract System directory, and exemption from competitive bidding requirements for procurements under \$200,000.

## Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOBs)

[ogs.ny.gov/veterans](https://ogs.ny.gov/veterans)

Eligible Veteran business owners can get certified as a New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB).

## Small Business Enterprises

### New York Small Business Development Centers

[nysbdc.org](https://nysbdc.org)

New York Small Business Development Centers provide no-cost, confidential one-on-one business advisement, training, and research to small business owners and entrepreneurs throughout New York State.

### Newlab

[newlab.com](https://newlab.com)

Newlab is home to more than 250 deep tech startups and over 1,000 entrepreneurs, inventors, investors, and optimists working together to address critical challenges in energy, mobility, and materials.

