# P-12 Schools: Green and Clean Energy Solutions

Program Opportunity Notice (PON) 4157



## Green & Clean Energy Solutions: Goal

> Reduce school energy loads and assist in the conversion to carbon free fuels.

## Green & Clean Energy Solutions: Overview

### > Three Offerings:

**Energy Studies** 

Design: Clean Heating and Cooling and Net Zero

**Direct Incentives** 

### > Two Complimentary Services:

Benchmarking

Clean Heating and Cooling Technology Screening

### Why Participate in Green & Clean?

- > Reduce annual energy expenditures
- > **Identify** energy saving opportunities
- > Use feasibility studies and project incentives in capital planning phase
- > Increase student and teacher comfort, productivity, and health
- > Reduce maintenance time and costs
- > Track and communicate results

## Eligibility Requirements:

- > Schools must be located in New York State and:
  - Be a publicly or privately owned school
  - Provide P-12 education
  - Be solely occupied by P-12 students and staff
  - Pay into the Systems Benefit Charge (SBC) on their electric utility bill
- > Applications may be submitted by the school, school district, or by a representative authorized by the school
  - Incentive will be distributed to the Applicant

# Green & Clean Energy Solutions: Offerings Overview



## Cost-Sharing: Energy Studies

- > Cost-share eligible study costs (up to \$250,000 per project)
  - Most projects: up to 75%
  - High-Need schools: up to 100%
- > Energy Study Examples:
  - Evaluation of energy efficiency measures
  - Carbon reduction studies
  - Central heating and cooling systems for conversion off fossil fuels
  - Peak load shedding and shifting
  - Renewable generation
  - Retro-commissioning
  - Strategic planning

### Cost-Sharing: Design

Clean Heating and Cooling and Net Zero Design Projects

- > Cost-share eligible design costs (up to \$250,000 per project)
  - Most projects: up to 75%
  - High-need schools: up to 100%

#### > Clean Heating and Cooling:

- Space and/or water heating or cooling without the use of fossil fuels
  - Eligible Projects: Ground Source Heat Pumps (GSHP), Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHP) and Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems (VRF)
  - Eligible Costs: Development of load calculations, equipment schedules, drawings, mechanical plans, and test boreholes

#### > Net Zero:

- Evaluate reduced energy use of 20% better than current NYS energy codes and estimate the impact of the design against school's net zero potential
  - Eligible Projects: Energy efficiency improvements, clean energy projects, on-site renewable energy, battery storage
  - Eligible Costs: Design of clean energy and energy efficiency improvements, energy modeling and analysis, integrated project delivery and Net Zero design charettes.

### **Direct Incentives**

- > Installation of measures that result in an energy load reduction through mechanical, equipment and building envelope efficiency efforts.
- > List of Prequalified Direct Incentives on the Program Website
  - Subject to change check back for updates.
- > Custom Direct Incentives
  - For measures not included in the pre-qualified measure list, a custom incentive may be available.
  - Energy calculations are not required for custom measure submissions.
- > Eligibility:
  - Projects eligible for existing investor owned utility incentives are ineligible for incentives through the Program.
  - New fossil fuel-based systems are ineligible.

# Green & Clean Energy Solutions: Complimentary Services



# Enrollment In: P-12 Benchmarking Program (PON 3908)

> Schools can receive FREE benchmarking services

#### > How it Works

- NYSERDA consultants provide free benchmarking services for up to three years
- Receive detailed reports summarizing your school's energy use, costs, water use, and carbon emissions
  over time and compared to other schools across the state

#### > Benefits

- Better understand energy use
- Recognition for environmental efforts
- Healthier and more productive learning environments
- Inform energy conservation policy and program development
- Support financial planning and budgeting efforts
- Increased stakeholder awareness about energy consumption impacts

# Enrollment In: Clean Heating and Cooling: Technology Screenings

> Schools can receive a FREE Clean Heating and Cooling Technology Screening

#### > How it works

- NYSERDA consultants will evaluate the installation of ground source heat pumps (GSHP), air source heat pumps (ASHP), and variable refrigerant flow systems (VRF).
- For each school building, a 4-5 page screening report will be provided that describes capital costs, annual energy consumption impacts, cost changes, investment payback period, and environmental outcomes.

#### > Benefits

- Screenings will help schools make intelligent, fact-based decisions on if, how, and where to take next steps to pursue GSHP, ASHP, and VRF investments.
- Screenings will outline the benefits and potential savings of installing clean energy systems.

# Green & Clean Energy Solutions: How to Apply



# Submit a Completed Application Package to P12Schools@nyserda.ny.gov

- > Completed and signed Program Application
- > If enrolling in Energy Studies and/or Design:
  - Scope of Work
  - Project schedule
  - Itemized budget
- > If enrolling in Direct Incentives:
  - Prequalified Direct Incentives List
    - Indicate which Direct Incentives the applicant is applying for on the Program Application or the Direct Incentives List
    - Specification sheets showing manufacturer and model number
    - Proof of purchase
  - Custom
    - Include building description and description of existing related equipment
    - Specification sheets of new equipment to be installed
    - Proof of purchase

# Green & Clean Energy Solutions: Next Steps

- Check out the Program Website: <a href="https://nyserda.ny.gov/P-12-GCES">nyserda.ny.gov/P-12-GCES</a>
- Read the <u>Program Opportunity Notice</u>
- Email questions: P12Schools@nyserda.ny.gov
- Apply!

