



New York State's

10-Point Action Plan


*to Expand a Thriving
Large-Scale Renewable
Industry*



NYSERDA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY





New York State is firmly committed to expanding its vibrant clean energy industry and progressing apace towards its ambitious goal of obtaining 70 percent of the State's electricity from renewable sources by 2030.

This document outlines a comprehensive set of actions as the foundation for a sustainable future for all New Yorkers while supporting a thriving large-scale renewables industry.





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These awards will mark one of the largest-ever renewable energy procurements by any state to date and demonstrate New York State's commitment to supporting renewable energy projects and promoting large-scale renewables.

ACTION 2: Execute on Public Service Commission Order and Assess Renewables Portfolio Status

NYSERDA will address the directives issued in the October 2023 Public Service Commission (PSC) Order.

The impacts on its large-scale renewables contracted portfolio will be assessed in an expedited manner.

ACTION 3: Launch Accelerated Competitive Procurements

NYSERDA will launch an accelerated renewable energy procurement process for both offshore wind and onshore renewables.

This aims to backfill any contracted projects that are terminated. The process will be guided by core principles, including prioritizing competition, simplifying bid requirements, incorporating inflation indexing, applying critical labor protections, and collaborating with industry to optimize the accelerated procurement timing—all while coordinating with ongoing transmission planning initiatives.

ACTION 4: Leverage Federal Support and Partnerships

New York State is, and will continue to, actively engage with the Federal government to bring forward market solutions.

This includes establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Loan Programs Office to access low-cost financing for large-scale renewable projects to advocating for updated guidance on clean energy tax credits and a Federal-State revenue-sharing program.

ACTION 5: Build Transmission Infrastructure

New York State is investing and actively planning a historic buildout of transmission infrastructure across the State.

This includes \$4.4 billion in 62 local transmission projects to support clean energy integration in upstate areas; \$4.1 billion in transmission upgrades to integrate offshore wind and increase reliability for Long Island and New York City; soliciting additional solutions to meet New York City's offshore wind transmission needs; and collaborating with other states and federal agencies on interregional transmission to reduce costs.

ACTION 6: Build the Offshore Wind Supply Chain

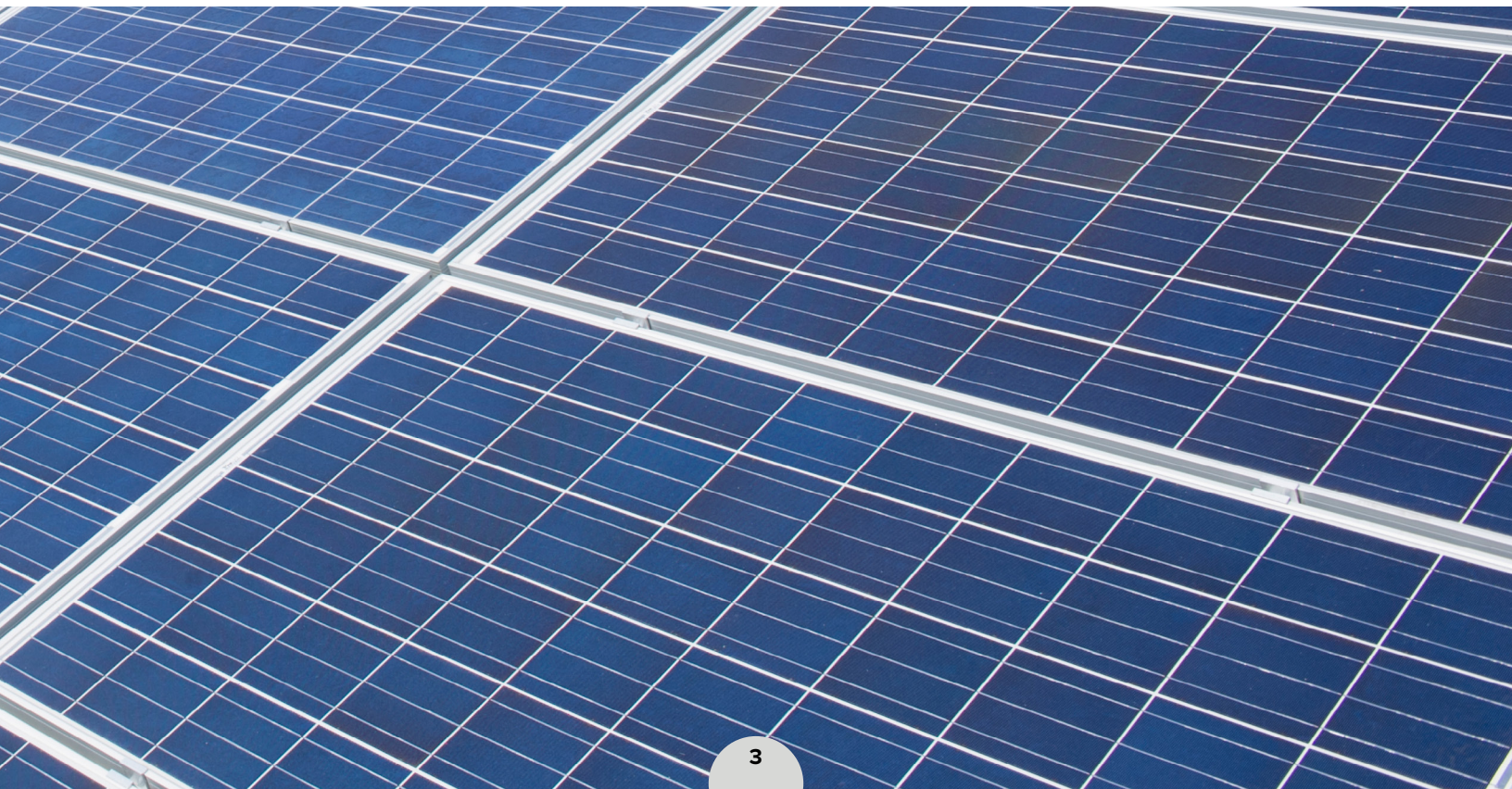
New York State is actively supporting the establishment and growth of a supply chain ecosystem to help the market scale, gain efficiencies, and reduce costs.

The State is investing \$700 million in offshore wind supply chain infrastructure, and working with other states and federal agencies to collaborate and reduce costs through a shared vision for a U.S. supply chain.

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New York State is committed to building and expanding its clean energy workforce.

NYSERDA has already committed more than \$170 million for workforce development and training initiatives, prioritizing the benefits to priority populations, disadvantaged communities, and transitioning fossil fuel workers to clean energy careers. Starting in 2024, the New York Power Authority will contribute up to \$25 million annually to the Department of Labor for renewable energy training, ensuring a Just Transition for energy workers. In addition, NYSERDA is putting workforce development, inclusion, and equity in the forefront of New York's large scale renewables industry.



ACTION 8: Plan for Next Phase of Offshore Wind Deployment

New York State's Offshore Wind Master Plan 2.0 will provide a plan for the future of offshore wind development, including in deeper waters, that will allow for the expansion of the industry and ability to meet regional development targets.

By planning for and seeking an increase in available lease areas, New York would increase access to necessary offshore areas to host projects, increase competition in the market, and expand the pool of developers, while introducing new ideas and innovation to reduce costs.

ACTION 9: Engage in Active Industry Outreach and Dialogue

New York State is actively engaging with industry stakeholders.

Such outreach will increase following the PSC order through roundtable discussions to receive input in shaping our clean energy strategy.

ACTION 10: Advance Public Engagement and Outreach

New York State is deeply committed to fostering public engagement and outreach, transparency, and collaboration.

We recognize the importance of involving various stakeholders in shaping our clean energy initiatives.

This comprehensive action plan serves to reinforce New York State's dedication to clean energy development, sustainability, and economic growth. We remain committed to advancing a cleaner, more prosperous future for our State and our nation.



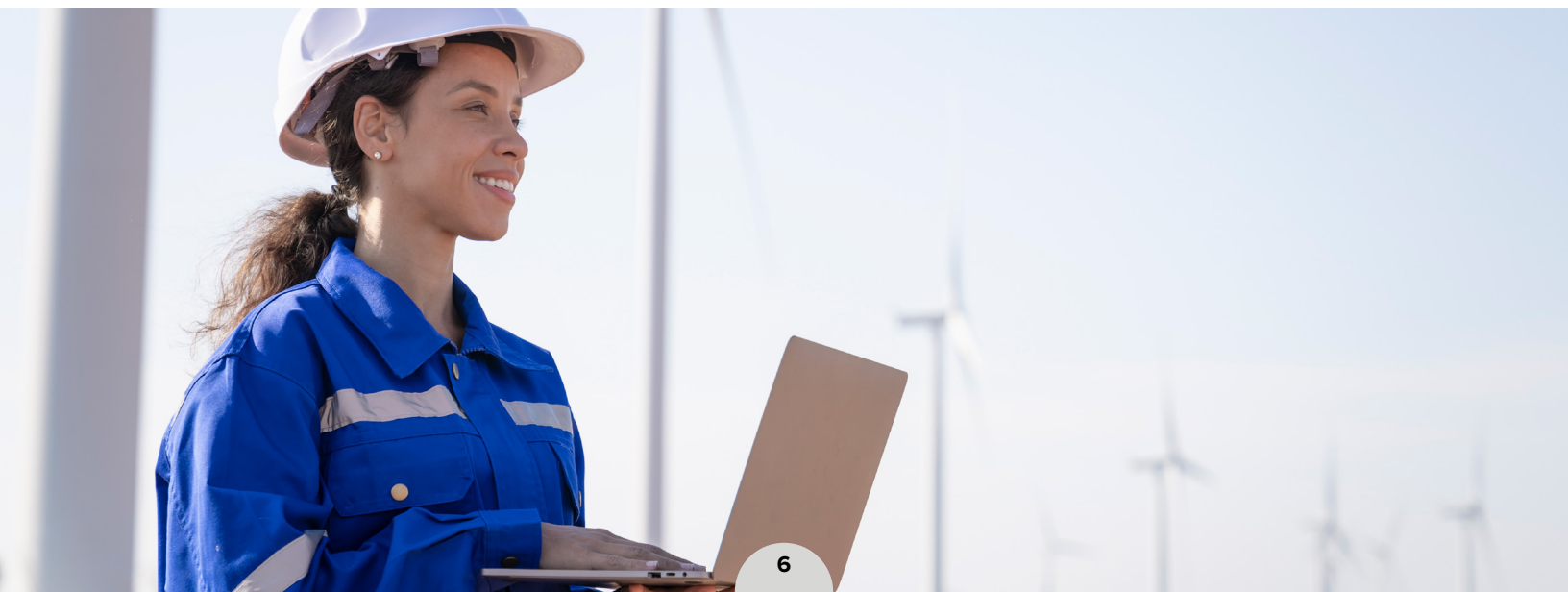
INTRODUCTION

New York State's journey towards a sustainable and clean energy future is guided by an unwavering commitment to achieve our ambitious goal to generate 70 percent of our electricity from renewable sources by 2030.

As we forge ahead, it is crucial to periodically take stock of our progress, evaluate our strategies, and ensure that we are on the right track to meet this pivotal milestone.

Recent directives from the Public Service Commission (PSC) have cast a spotlight on the evolving landscape of our clean energy industry. These orders carry significant implications, demanding us to reevaluate and reinforce the work we have underway to achieve our clean energy objectives. They compel us to scrutinize our existing initiatives, strengthen our resolve, and adapt our approaches to align with the ever-evolving needs and opportunities within New York State's clean energy sector.

In this context, we present our comprehensive 10-point action plan—a blueprint that embodies our commitment to driving New York State's clean energy vision forward and ensuring we remain steadfast on the path to a sustainable, renewable energy future.



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- **New York's third offshore wind solicitation** was launched in July 2022. The solicitation received a record response, intaking more than 100 total proposals for eight new projects from six offshore wind developers. This represents a record-setting level of competition among East Coast states.
- **New York's sixth Tier 1 solicitation for land-based large-scale renewables**—primarily onshore wind and solar—was launched in September 2022 and received a robust response comprised of 65 bids.

Both solicitations included an inflation risk-adjustment option for participating bidders, which will allow for awarded contracts to be modified at approximately the time that contracted projects proceed to construction. This is to ensure that the viability of NYSERDA's pipeline can be maintained in the event of future inflationary shocks to the renewable energy market.

ACTION 2: Execute on the Public Service Commission Order and Assess Renewables Portfolio Status

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NYSERDA will be assessing the impacts on the large-scale renewables portfolio and the ability of developers to meet their contractual obligations. In NYSERDA's contracts with developers, there are specific points in time when developers must meet key project milestones or provide additional financial security to NYSERDA to demonstrate their commitment to bringing these projects to construction and operation.

If a project cannot proceed as initially planned, NYSERDA remains committed to providing these projects future opportunities to contribute to New York's renewable energy goals.

ACTION 3: Launch Accelerated Competitive Procurements

NYSERDA will launch an accelerated renewable energy procurement process for both offshore wind and onshore renewables.

This aims to backfill any contracted projects that are terminated and establishes a robust and predictable pathway forward for clean energy development. Future offshore wind, onshore renewables (Tier 1), and offshore wind supply chain procurements in support of this objective will follow eight principles:

- **Principle #1:** Evaluate projects based on price, project viability, and economic benefits in accordance with Public Service Commission orders.
- **Principle #2:** Capture opportunities to simplify and streamline the bid submission process and requirements for bidders.
- **Principle #3:** Support broad competition to drive down costs and enable the best projects to succeed.
- **Principle #4:** Incorporate inflation indexing and other appropriate risk-sharing mechanisms.
- **Principle #5:** Incentivize timely construction and execution of projects.
- **Principle #6:** Work collaboratively with industry to optimize the timing of procurements.
- **Principle #7:** Incorporate and coordinate with transmission planning initiatives.
- **Principle #8:** Include critical labor provisions.

ACTION 4: Leverage Federal Support and Partnerships

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This includes establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Loan Programs Office—for access to low-cost financing for large-scale renewable projects, advocating for updated guidance on clean energy tax credits, and a Federal-State revenue-sharing program.

Accessing Low-Cost Financing for Clean Energy Projects: Memorandum of Understanding between U.S. DOE Loan Programs Office and NYSERDA

In September 2023, Governor Kathy Hochul announced a MOU between the DOE and NYSERDA to facilitate low-cost clean energy financing for large-scale renewable projects. The MOU will allow New York State to leverage the DOE Loan Programs Office and strengthen the cooperation between federal and state energy departments, supporting New York State's goal to obtain 70% of the State's electricity from renewable sources by 2030.

Within the bounds of this new partnership, NYSERDA and DOE have defined a process to facilitate the review of applications from utility-scale solar, onshore wind, and offshore wind clean energy projects applying for financing through the DOE Loan Programs Office. This would include projects already under contract with NYSERDA, as well as those that will contract with NYSERDA in the future.

Under the Title 17 Loan Guarantee Program, the DOE Loan Programs Office may, subject to obtaining required credit approvals, provide financing to eligible projects for up to 80% of eligible project costs, with a tenor dependent on project needs and expected asset life, and in any event, not exceeding 30 years.

This partnership will enable clean energy projects in New York State to access alternative financing options considering the current inflationary and high interest rate environment. Any cost savings that could benefit projects from accessing DOE Loan Programs Office loans could be shared with New York State ratepayers and potentially enable billions of dollars in savings.

Advocating for Federal Support to Combat Inflationary Pressures

In a joint letter from the Governors of six east coast states, New York has made the following requests of the Biden Administration.

- **Update IRA Clean Energy Tax Credit Guidance:** An urgent request to update guidance from the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to ensure offshore wind projects are fully eligible for federal clean energy tax credits, including the Domestic Content and Energy Community Bonus Credits to the Investment Tax Credit (ITC) and Production Tax Credit (PTC), under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA).

This guidance must ensure that offshore wind projects are able to move forward in the current economic climate by providing achievable pathways to qualify for the bonus tax credits and ensuring that the ITC is available for all project components, including the transfer and power conditioning equipment needed to bring offshore wind power to land as well as associated land-based distribution and transmission needed to interconnect these projects.

On September 27, 2023, energy authorities representing the six east coast states (including NYSEERDA) submitted comments to Treasury and IRS proposing specific ways in which Treasury and IRS can revise and clarify guidance to enable projects to access the Energy Communities Bonus Credits.

- **Establish a Revenue Sharing Program:** Current federal law requires that all revenue generated from offshore wind leases beyond state waters be returned to the U.S. Treasury. The lease revenue is a cost to offshore wind developers, meaning that states' electricity ratepayers will bear the cost of leases for projects that ultimately interconnect into states' electric grids. A portion of these revenues should be re-distributed back to the proximate states that bear these costs as proposed by the bipartisan Reinvesting in Shoreline Economies and Ecosystems (RISEE) Act.

This legislation recognizes the critical role states play in advancing offshore wind and enables investments in projects to directly address coastal restoration, hurricane protection, infrastructure improvements, and mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and other natural resources.

- **Expedite Clean Energy Permitting:** Slow permitting timelines have the potential to severely limit states' ability to grow the clean energy economy at the pace necessary to meet the decarbonization goals science requires. Work with your federal agencies to ensure permitting processes are expedited and streamlined for these projects to avoid unnecessary cost increases and unlock the full potential of the U.S clean energy economy.





ACTION 5: Build Transmission Infrastructure

Transmission is a critical enabler to achieving the Climate Act goals. In recognition of that fact, New York State is engaging in a historic buildout of transmission infrastructure across the State.

Needed transmission has been, and continues to be, identified through robust planning processes such as the *New York Power Grid Study*, the *Public Policy Transmission Planning Process*, and the recently approved *Coordinated Grid Planning Process*. Key investments in transmission infrastructure and ongoing planning efforts include:

Investing \$4.4 Billion in 62 Local Transmission Projects in Upstate New York

The Public Service Commission approved 62 “Areas of Concern” Phase 2 transmission projects in February 2023. These projects represent a \$4.4 billion investment in transmission to support the integration of clean energy in upstate renewable generation pockets and are in addition to the Phase 1 transmission projects approved by the PSC in 2022. Phase 1 projects are needed for reliability but have been accelerated due to the benefits they provide for renewable energy delivery.

Increasing Interconnection Capability in New York City

In April 2023, the Public Service Commission approved an \$810 million investment in the “Scalable Reliability” version of Con Edison’s Brooklyn Clean Energy Hub (Hub). The Hub has commenced construction with a plan to be in service by 2028 to meet future reliability needs and will provide 1,500 megawatts of interconnection capability for renewable energy. The Hub can be expanded to provide interconnection capability for up to 6,000 megawatts of renewable energy both during and after construction.



Integrating Offshore Wind into Long Island

In March 2021, the Public Service Commission declared a Public Policy Transmission Need (PPTN) to increase the export capability from Long Island to the rest of New York State to ensure deliverability of at least 3,000 megawatts of offshore wind interconnected to Long Island. At the Commission’s direction, the New York State Independent System Operator (NYISO) conducted a competitive solicitation for solutions to address the Long Island Offshore Wind Export PPTN. This was followed by detailed evaluation of proposed solutions culminating in the selection of the Propel NY Energy project to address the need in June 2023.

New York State is investing \$3.3 billion in the Propel NY Energy, which will allow for the cost-effective integration of upwards of 4,300 megawatts of offshore wind interconnecting on Long Island. This will provide needed export and import capability between Long Island and the rest of New York State, and improve reliability and resiliency through the addition of a transmission backbone across western and central Long Island. The selection of Propel NY Energy represents a key development necessary to achieve New York State’s nation-leading goal to integrate at least 9,000 megawatts of offshore wind by 2035.

Proactively Planning Transmission For Offshore Wind in New York City

In June 2023, the Public Service Commission declared a PPTN to support the integration of an additional 4,770 megawatts of offshore into New York City. Transmission projects selected through the NYISO’s solicitation and evaluation process will enable the achievement of New York State’s target of at least 9 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2035 in a manner that is both cost-effective to ratepayers and that makes the best use of the constrained spaces in and around New York City. Proactive transmission planning, such as this, is also a key step in identifying the pathway to achieving larger offshore wind goals, including the 16–19 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2050 outlined in the New York State Climate Action Council’s Final Scoping Plan published in December 2022.

Northeast States Collaborative on Interregional Transmission—10 States in Collaboration with DOE and Other Federal Agencies

In June 2023, New York State joined New England states and New Jersey in sending a letter to DOE requesting assistance to establish a Northeast States Collaborative on Interregional Transmission. Since issuing that letter, Maryland and Delaware have joined the effort and initial meetings between states and DOE have begun. As part of that Collaborative, New York is working with neighboring states to address barriers to the development of offshore transmission grids and thereby enable cost-effective resource development and deployment.

ACTION 6: Build the Offshore Wind Supply Chain

New York State is actively supporting the establishment and growth of a supply chain ecosystem to help the market scale, gain efficiencies, and reduce costs.

Built on years of careful planning and robust stakeholder engagement, New York continues to propel the offshore wind industry forward by making key investments and building partnerships, including:

\$700 Million Investment in Critical Offshore Wind Infrastructure

In addition to \$200 million committed in 2020 to support the development of port infrastructure in New York State, Governor Hochul announced in her 2022 State of the State address a \$500 million investment in critical offshore wind infrastructure, including ports, manufacturing, and supply chain infrastructure, to localize essential components and services in the State.

Governor Hochul's vision is to establish New York State as a regional offshore wind supply chain hub for projects along the Atlantic Coast.

The first portion of the \$500 million—up to \$300 million—will be leveraged through NYSERDA's third offshore wind solicitation (NY3). Awards will be announced in the coming weeks. The remaining funds of up to \$200 million will be allocated through two standalone supply chain-only RFPs launched by NYSERDA.

At least \$150 million will be competitively awarded to continue growing the offshore wind supply chain and could specifically include investments in primary component manufacturing, regional construction or operation and maintenance ports, or localizing/expanding manufacturing facilities to fabricate larger sub-components that support primary component manufacturing.

In September 2023, NYSERDA released a Request for Information (RFI) to invite external stakeholder feedback in advance of NYSERDA's first solicitation focused exclusively on offshore wind supply chain development. Following the launch of this offshore wind supply chain solicitation, at least \$50 million will be made available in a subsequent and complimentary solicitation for New York businesses to invest in capital expenditures to enable entry into the offshore wind industry and help compete with offerings of high-quality products that meet robust standards.

A Regional Vision and Collaboration for a U.S. Supply Chain

In January 2022, NYSERDA formalized an agreement with the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and New Jersey to further develop a domestic offshore wind supply chain. The partnership maximizes efficiencies in the procurement processes and enables New York and New Jersey businesses to enter the supply chain for manufactured components and services that the industry is seeking. A formalized partnership is helping to grow a skilled U.S. workforce that has a particular emphasis on delivering benefits and opportunities to historically underserved and disadvantaged communities.

In addition, the White House, Governor Hochul, and eight East Coast states are advancing regional collaboration to coordinate and accelerate the build out of the offshore wind supply chain. In September 2023, nine East Coast states and four federal agencies announced a new MOU to strengthen regional collaboration on offshore wind supply chain development, harness each other's existing strengths, efficiently fill high-priority gaps, and advance economic development and environmental justice. The MOU will help expand manufacturing facilities, port capabilities, workforce development, and other key supply chain elements in a coordinated and sustainable way.



ACTION 7: Build the Clean Energy Workforce

New York is committed to building and expanding its clean energy workforce.

NYSERDA has already committed more than \$170 million for workforce development and training initiatives—prioritizing the benefits to priority populations, disadvantaged communities, and the transition of fossil fuel workers to clean energy careers.

NYSERDA is also coordinating the allocation of over \$100 million in renewables workforce training funding in partnership with private industry, academic institutions, and training centers to prepare workers for high-growth jobs.

Starting in 2024, the New York Power Authority will contribute up to \$25 million annually to the Department of Labor for renewable energy training, ensuring a Just Transition for energy workers.

NYSERDA is putting workforce development, inclusion, and equity in the forefront of New York State's large-scale renewables industry.



NYSERDA is working to grow the State’s renewable energy workforce through several initiatives, including:

Offshore Wind Training Institute

New York State invested \$20 million in the Offshore Wind Training Institute (OWTI) to develop a skilled workforce for the offshore wind industry. The OWTI—launched in 2020 by Farmingdale State College, Stony Brook University, and NYSERDA—represents the largest public investment in offshore wind workforce development by any state in the U.S.

The institute aims to advance training programs and an educational infrastructure to establish a skilled workforce that can support the national offshore wind industry. In cultivating a statewide umbrella of industry, academic, trade, and community partnerships, OWTI will train a minimum of 2,500 New York workers.

To date, through the OWTI, NYSERDA has provided:

- **\$300,000 for an Offshore Wind Technician School at LaGuardia Community College.** In partnership with Siemens Gamesa, the school will build an inclusive offshore wind workforce to serve construction, repair, and maintenance of offshore facilities in the New York City metro area. Fifty low-income students from the Brooklyn-Queens waterfront will be trained to work as offshore wind technicians. The program is expected to start in 2023.
- **\$270,000 for welding, fabrication, and assembly education, training, and certification programs at Hudson Valley Community College.** To build a robust workforce pipeline in the Capital Region, the college will partner with a regional turbine component manufacturers to train 75 skilled welders and fabricators, including 65 from disadvantaged communities

Additionally, in May 2023, State University of New York (SUNY) Farmingdale and Stony Brook awarded \$4 million in grants from the OWTI to SUNY campus-led programs designed to prepare students for careers in this growing industry. In this round of grants, 10 programs were approved for eight SUNY campuses including: Alfred State College, University at Buffalo, Farmingdale State College, Hudson Valley Community College, Suffolk County Community College, SUNY Polytechnic Institute, SUNY Maritime, and Stony Brook University.

As part of the OWTI, NYSERDA released the second solicitation in October 2022 with approximately \$9 million in funding for training initiatives focused on addressing offshore wind workforce gaps and preparing workers for high-growth jobs. Awards are expected to be announced in the fourth quarter of 2023. Similarly, SUNY released its second OWTI solicitation on October 4, 2023, with \$3.75 million available for awards.



Laborers' International Union of North America Local 17

Laborers' International Union of North America Local 17 received \$365,000 in NYSERDA funding to develop and deliver large-scale ground mounted photovoltaic (PV) installation and safety training to 100 individuals. This is addressing the need for trained workers by supplying quality training on safe work practices, PV installation, and related skills that are needed to enter this industry.

The Resilience, Education, Training and Innovation Center (RETI)

NYSERDA provided \$430,000 to RETI to deliver a training program to 90 individuals that introduces the science and installation of Renewable Energy systems with a focus on Solar Photovoltaic technology installation.

The program provides hands-on training, virtual learning components, and an overview of the solar industry and the many employment paths it offers. Also offered are paid internship opportunities, job placement support, and job retention services.

On-the-Job Training and Clean Energy Internship Programs

NYSERDA invested \$2 million to support 250 new hires working on renewable energy through its On-the-Job Training and Clean Energy Internship Programs.

NYSERDA is prioritizing workforce development, inclusion, and equity in New York's large-scale renewables industry.

Example: NYSERDA's 2022 Offshore Wind Solicitation

Proposers must emphasize in-state manufacturing, economic development, and climate equity. They are required to detail their knowledge of workforce needs and create training opportunities, while recruiting from communities directly impacted by project development.

Developers must track workforce funding, engagement, and feedback with specific data. They are accountable for prevailing wage, and hiring labor and community liaisons.

Labor peace agreements and relationships with New York's labor unions are now mandated. These efforts align with climate equity goals and elevate support for underserved communities, especially those in Disadvantaged Communities as defined by the Climate Act.



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By planning for and seeking an increase in available lease areas, New York would increase access to necessary offshore areas to host projects, increase competition in the market, and expand the pool of developers, while introducing new ideas and innovation to reduce costs.

Offshore Wind Master Plan 2.0: Planning for More Lease Areas and Increased Competition

As regional states continue to procure offshore wind projects in the north Atlantic, the number of offshore wind lease areas available for project development declines—leading to less competition among developers for offtake agreements with states, potentially higher prices for electricity consumers, and eventually no available lease areas for later procurements. To continue growing the industry, and for states to integrate offshore wind into their energy systems at competitive prices, the federal government will soon need to designate additional lease areas to meet the development targets of regional states. These lease areas will increasingly be located deeper and farther from north Atlantic shores.

To date, New York State’s efforts have focused on offshore wind areas available in the New York Bight relatively near the shore, in shallow waters of the Outer Continental Shelf. And while there may be areas that BOEM could reconsider for leasing in these waters, planning for the future of New York’s offshore wind program also requires understanding the risks and opportunities that will be encountered in developing wind energy resources in deeper waters as well. For these purposes, “deep water” means waters greater than 200 feet [60 meters] in depth. NYSERDA, with support from other State agencies, is now developing a new Master Plan to evaluate and characterize those risks and opportunities. It will build on the work presented in New York’s original Master Plan and will help guide the State’s steps toward the next frontier of offshore wind energy development.

The Master Plan will advance the process for the State to pursue planning, analysis, and engagement in support of new and continued offshore wind development. It represents New York State’s next commitment to undertake pre-development activities, resource evaluations, and site characterization to bring all data to bear in decision making and help reduce offshore wind project time, risks, and costs. The Plan will assess geographical areas and evaluate key parameters in the expansion of offshore wind development and identify the least risk, greatest opportunity area(s) to expand offshore wind development into deeper water. These are important steps that will inform the federal lease area designation process.

ACTION 9: Engage in Active Industry Outreach and Dialogue

New York State is actively engaging with industry stakeholders.

The State recognizes that collaboration with industry stakeholders is paramount to achieving our clean energy objectives. We are committed to fostering a two-way dialogue with industry leaders to jointly determine the most strategic timing for accelerated procurements and the evolution of the large-scale renewables industry at large.

This collaborative approach ensures that we align our actions with industry needs, incorporate valuable insights, and collectively chart a course towards a more efficient and effective clean energy future. By working hand in hand with industry, we can make informed decisions that benefit both the State and the clean energy sector, driving us closer to our sustainable energy goals.

ACTION 10: Advance Public Engagement and Outreach

New York State is deeply committed to fostering public engagement and outreach, transparency, and collaboration.

We recognize the importance of involving various stakeholders in shaping our clean energy initiatives. Under this point, we outline several key efforts aimed at enhancing transparency, accessibility, and collaboration in our clean energy endeavors, with additional initiatives planned in the upcoming weeks and months.

Supporting Fisheries: Establishing a Regional Fund for Fisheries Compensation

NYSERDA is committed to continuing active engagement with the fisheries stakeholders seeking to address concerns related to offshore wind developments. NYSERDA is actively developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) in collaboration with eleven regional states, federal agencies, offshore wind developers, and the fishing industry. This coordinated effort seeks to create a Regional Fund and Regional Fund Administrator. These entities will serve as a unified, accessible, and equitable platform, simplifying the process for fisheries to file and receive claims related to costs and losses incurred from one or more Offshore Wind projects.

Engaging the Science and Project Developer Communities

In July 2024, NYSERDA will host the fourth biennial State of the Science Workshop. This event, organized on behalf of the Environmental Technical Working Group (E-TWG), gathers stakeholders involved in environmental and wildlife research and offshore wind energy development along the eastern seaboard. The workshop's theme for 2024 is "Taking an Ecosystem Approach: Integrating Offshore Wind, Wildlife, and Fisheries." It underscores our dedication to holistic environmental stewardship and cooperation among diverse stakeholders.

Supporting Coexistence of Agriculture and Solar

NYSERDA is committed to facilitate the coexistence of the agriculture and solar industries through collaborative, research-driven initiatives. Agrivoltaics represents an innovative fusion of technologies that enhances climate resilience while supporting sustainable food and energy production. This rapidly growing sector within the solar energy industry is gaining attention not only in the U.S. but also globally. NYSERDA has recently issued an "Agrivoltaics Research and Demonstration" Request for Information (RFI). The purpose of this RFI is to gather insights and feedback from a broad spectrum of stakeholders. This input will guide NYSERDA in the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) tailored to the unique needs and challenges of both the solar and agricultural industries in New York State.



NYSERDA is strongly committed to working with the large-scale renewable industry to ensure a vibrant clean energy future for all New Yorkers.

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