



CLEAN ENERGY



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In November, the Murphy Administration released the 2024 [Energy Master Plan \(EMP\)](#), a roadmap to guide future energy policy in New Jersey. The report looks back on progress made and recommends clear action steps over the next decade to provide New Jersey with a clean and affordable energy future that accomplishes the State's demand and supply goals. The core output of the 2024 EMP is a flexible, adaptive framework of “no-regrets” strategies and policies that can be pursued regardless of the changing energy landscape, including:

- Accelerating Clean Energy Deployment
- Expanding Decarbonization and Efficiency Programs
- Ensuring a Reliable and Modern Grid
- Staying the Course on Transportation Electrification
- Ensuring Energy Affordability and Environmental Fairness
- Enhancing Regional Coordination and Advocacy
- Driving Innovation and Workforce Development

To view the 2024 EMP, [click here](#).

NJEDA Product Spotlight



Looking to buy an electric vehicle for your business or organization? Purchaser applications are now open for the New Jersey Economic Development Authority's (NJEDA) two programs designed to accelerate EV adoption, decarbonize transportation, and help New Jersey businesses save money. Together, the **New Jersey Zero Emission Incentive Program** (NJ ZIP) Phase III and the **New Jersey Zero Emission Vehicle Financing Program** (NJ ZEV Financing), aim to accelerate the adoption and use of commercial zero emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles within the state, while reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants.

NJ ZIP Phase III will provide vouchers to businesses and institutional organizations to offset the cost of purchasing new, zero emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. Voucher size will vary depending on the class of vehicle being purchased, from a

minimum of \$15,000 for Class 2b vehicles to \$175,000 for Class 8 vehicles. Bonuses will be available for school buses, small businesses; and women-, minority-, and veteran-owned businesses.

NJ ZEV Financing is a loan program that complements NJ ZIP by offering financing for vehicle costs that may not be met by NJ ZIP vouchers or other available grant funding resources. Low-cost loans will also be available through the program for businesses not utilizing the NJ ZIP program. NJ ZEV Financing will offer low-interest rate loans ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000 for the purchase of one or more eligible vehicles.

To be eligible, an applicant's vehicle must be purchased within 18 months of voucher approval or issuance of a loan commitment letter and procured from an approved vendor. Eligible **vendors** and **vehicles** for both programs will continue to be updated on a rolling basis.

[NJ ZIP Learn More](#)

[NJ ZEV Learn More](#)

Clean Energy Updates



CSIT Clean Tech R&D Voucher Program

The Commission on Science, Innovation, and Technology's (CSIT) Round 3 Clean Tech R&D Voucher Program is intended to support early-stage clean tech/clean energy companies in NJ to access core facilities, equipment and makerspaces at any

participating NJ University Facility or Government labs for clean energy/clean technological research and development. Eligible applicants can apply for multiple Vouchers up to a cap of \$40,000 within any 12 month period. Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis. [Click here to learn more.](#)



NEW RETROFIT NJ - Opening Soon

The [Reducing Emissions through Retrofits, Optimization, Fuel-Switching, and Innovative Technologies \(RETROFIT NJ\) Grant Program](#) will support multi-pronged, large-scale retrofit projects that enable holistic energy improvements for buildings, campuses, and multi-building facilities, expanding upon the efforts of the existing [NJ Cool](#)

program.

RETROFIT NJ will offer grant awards between \$2.5 million and \$12.5 million to commercial, industrial, and institutional building owners undertaking retrofit projects with a minimum total project cost of \$5 million. Eligible projects must include at least three clean energy or electrification components, such as solar, energy storage, electrification of heating, refrigerant replacement, and energy efficiency upgrades. RETROFIT NJ will also provide support for projects implementing Thermal Energy Networks (TENs), an emerging technology that can significantly reduce emissions across multiple buildings. This program is the largest government construction grant program available for TENs in the country with up to \$12.5 million available per project, demonstrating New Jersey's strong

leadership in advancing cutting-edge technology solutions to climate change. Applications are expected to open in Q1 2026.

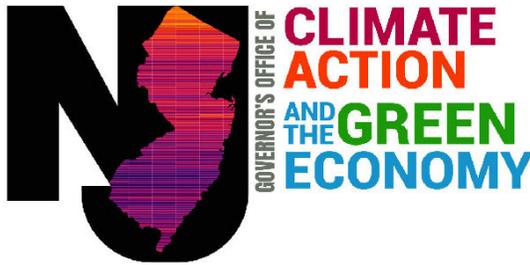


***NEW* Take Charge Program**

A new clean energy program aimed to increase electric vehicle charging stations across the state was approved by the NJEDA Board in November. The \$50 million **Take Charge Program** will provide funding for charging infrastructure projects for private commercial fleets, helping bring more electric vehicles onto New Jersey's

roadways.

The Take Charge Program will help cover the costs, including hardware and related installation costs, of establishing electric vehicle charging infrastructure for private commercial fleets. Private fleets interested in adopting electric vehicles require consistently available and reliable charging infrastructure but often face high costs for installation and site upgrades necessary for charger operation. Applications are expected to open in Q1 2026. For those that are interested, here is the **[Take Charge Interested Vendor Form - NJEDA](#)**



Strategic Roadmap for Building Decarbonization

The New Jersey Governor's Office of Climate Action and the Green Economy released New Jersey's ***Strategic Roadmap for Building Decarbonization*** in November 2025. The roadmap includes comprehensive

recommendations for policy, legislative, and regulatory advancements, along with workforce development and funding strategies to create cleaner, greener buildings that benefit New Jersey families and workers. The buildings sector contributes to approximately 25% of the state's greenhouse gas emissions, and these recommendations are the culmination of a multi-year, whole-of-government approach toward decarbonizing the state's second largest source of pollution. New Jersey has established ambitious targets for building decarbonization, including the goal of electrifying 400,000 residential and 20,000 commercial units by 2030. To meet these goals, the State is taking a multi-pronged approach, including installing zero-carbon end-use equipment in buildings; leveraging energy efficiency and demand response programming; continuing to deploy clean energy resources to power the grid; and advancing program design to ensure low-income and overburdened communities benefit from building decarbonization. NJEDA products like NJ Cool, and the forthcoming RETROFIT, are helping NJ businesses decarbonize buildings.

Funding and Support Opportunities



The **NEXT NJ MANUFACTURING PROGRAM** is a tax credit initiative designed to spur significant investment, create new manufacturing jobs, and solidify New Jersey's manufacturing industry. An eligible manufacturing applicant may be awarded a tax credit of up to \$150 million, based on their proposed new jobs and capital investment. \$100 million in tax credits in the first two years will be reserved for clean energy product manufacturers in industries such as solar, geothermal, offshore wind, and green hydrogen, supporting innovative companies to further the State's clean energy goals and support clean manufacturing.

By offering competitive incentives, NEXT NJ Manufacturing encourages companies to invest their capital in New Jersey while demonstrating a commitment to long-term growth within the state.

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The **NJ Career Accelerator Internship Grant Program** is now open: [Office of the Secretary of Higher Education](#)

This grant program will provide funding to New Jersey employers who are interested in hosting New Jersey college students, including those who currently attend or graduated from an in-state college or university in the last 12 months or are New Jersey residents attending a college out of state for Summer 2026 (June through August). The grant program aims to foster mutually beneficial relationships between New Jersey's college students and New Jersey-based employers.

The deadline to apply is **Friday, January 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**

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Upcoming Events

RETROFIT NJ Applicant Webinar



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- Thursday, January 8, 2026
- Zoom webinar
- Session time: 1:00 P.M.

Scan here to register
www.njeda.gov/events

January 8, 2026
Virtual

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Garden State C-PACE Webinar

- Wednesday, January 28, 2026
- Zoom webinar
- Session time: 1:00 P.M.

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IPF26 OCEANTIC NETWORK
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERING FORUM

2026 IPF - Oceanic Network

February 9 -12, 2026
New York City, NY

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PRINCETON MATERIALS INSTITUTE

Princeton Materials Institute Symposium & Start-up Showcase

April 15-16, 2026
Princeton, NJ

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News Highlights

NJ Sees Big Jump In Electric Vehicles As It Chases Murphy's 'Clean Energy' Mandate

Many Garden State drivers have been warming up to a future of all-electric

Murphy Administration Releases 2025 Green Jobs Report Focused on Meeting Growth of Green Economy

The Governor's Office of Climate Action and the Green Economy is

cars in New Jersey - but others are still leery of change.

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Can latest effort by NJ electric grid operator help increase supply, cut prices?

PJM seeks federal approval to simplify small project connections, ease staff burden and give developers earlier clarity on cost and scope.

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NJ Launches \$500M Tax Credit Program to Boost Manufacturing and Clean Energy

New Jersey unveils a \$500M tax credit initiative to attract manufacturing investments, create jobs, and expand clean energy industries statewide.

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New Jersey expands building retrofit grant program to cover solar + storage upgrades

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) recently approved a new program aimed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy costs.

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continuing to mark Climate Week with the release of the 2025 Green Jobs Report - "Growing Green Jobs: The Opportunities for New Jersey

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Hermann Services commits to buying 15 electric trucks

Hermann Services is augmenting its electric commercial vehicle fleet following a signing ceremony for 15 new Peterbilt electric trucks.

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NJBPU Launches Dual-Use Solar Pilot to Boost Farmer Revenue

NJBPU opens its Dual-Use Solar Pilot Program, creating new revenue opportunities for New Jersey farmers while expanding clean energy production statewide.

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How Do State Policies Impact Electricity Rates?

Electricity prices are climbing across the PJM region, and many consumers are asking why. The answer isn't simple-but it's also not what some might think. Rising bills are not being driven by state clean-energy mandates or Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards. Instead, they reflect a deeper imbalance in PJM's power markets, where electricity demand is growing...

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New Jersey Joins Multi-State Lawsuit Over EPA's Cancellation of \$7 Billion Solar for All Program

Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill axed the program, which EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin called a "boondoggle" and "slush fund."

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Hydrogen trucks initiative helmed by Rutgers unit part of \$13M project funded by NJEDA

The Rutgers CAIT in the School of Engineering is preparing to demonstrate hydrogen fuel cell technology as part of a \$13 million pilot project funded by the NJEDA.

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