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Solar and Storage RFI: Deadline Extended

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) is seeking information and ideas regarding potential opportunities for investment to further support the development of solar energy generation and storage capacity in the state of New Jersey.

The NJEDA is seeking additional insight regarding potential gaps in existing programs, specific projects in New Jersey that are actively seeking funding, potential sites that are suitable for future solar and/or storage installations, or suggestions for other potential associated programs or investments from the Authority that will further support the buildout of solar generation and storage capacity in the state in alignment with Governor Sherrill's Executive Orders 1 and 2.

Deadline for responses has been extended to Friday, July 24 : [Bidding Opportunities - NJEDA](#)



Nuclear in New Jersey

On July 13, Governor Sherrill signed the Power NJ Act, launching the state's procurement process for new nuclear energy that will help New Jersey meet its growing energy needs. The bill will establish a transparent, competitive process by the NJBPU and the NJEDA to evaluate proposals to procure at least 1,100 MW of new nuclear generation and ensure any project is the best investment

for New Jersey ratepayers. The bill passed both houses of the Legislature unanimously with strong bipartisan support. The NJBPU is expected to open a request for expressions of interest (RFEI) by January 9, 2027, and developers will have 60 days to submit proposals.

Read the press release: [Governor Sherrill Signs Legislation Launching Procurement Process for New Nuclear Energy](#)

NJEDA Product Spotlight



Great Point Studios has secured \$101 million in financing under the **Garden State Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program**. The funding, administered by Nuveen Green Capital alongside senior lender and alternative investment manager MCCP, will support the construction of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for the upcoming Lionsgate film studio in Newark, increasing power generation, easing upfront costs for developers, creating high-quality jobs, and expanding New Jersey's nation-leading film and television infrastructure.

C-PACE financing will be used to install seven electric vehicle charging stations and a 1.1 mega-watt (MW) solar power system with anticipated annual generation of 1.34 million kilowatt-hours (kWh), advancing Governor Miki Sherrill's efforts to bolster power generation and lower costs for New Jerseyans. Energy-efficient building envelope, lighting, and electrical HVAC systems will also help reduce electricity consumption by 388,000 kWh annually, reducing strain on the power grid and lowering utility costs, while water conservation measures are projected to save 259,000 gallons of water annually.

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Clean Energy Updates



RETROFIT Awards

The NJEDA Board approved \$79 million in grant awards to ten large-scale decarbonization and energy efficiency projects under the **Reducing Emissions through Retrofits, Optimization, Fuel-Switching, and Innovative Technologies**

(RETROFIT NJ) Program. The awards, spread across nine communities throughout the state, will

advance 20.3 MW of solar generation and 80.6MW of battery storage projects, lowering energy costs, and eliminating more than 845,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions, promoting New Jersey's clean energy goals and stimulating economic growth. Stay tuned for future RETROFIT NJ application opportunities.

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NJCELS Update

On May 15, 2026, the NJEDA closed the first project financing loan under the New Jersey Clean Energy Loans (NJCELS) program with TYH

Branchburg LLC to construct a 3.4 megawatt community solar project on a warehouse in Branchburg, New Jersey. The project construction will be completed by Greenpower

Developers for a total cost of \$6.7M, of which \$2.49M is financed by the NJEDA and an additional \$2.49M is funded through a loan from co-lender Columbia Bank.

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Maritime Test Bed Deployment

A compact offshore research platform was deployed off the Jersey Shore on May 2, revitalizing the historic Long-Term Ecosystem Observatory (LEO) site and advancing a new era of ocean research, education and marine innovation in New Jersey. The Rutgers Marine Field Station will play a central role in research operations associated with the LEO-15 program. Anchored about three miles offshore of the Rutgers Marine Field Station in Tuckerton, N.J., the

platform, known as the PowerBuoy®, serves as a floating data hub that delivers real-time information on ocean conditions while supporting scientific instruments, education initiatives and emerging marine technologies.

The deployment marks a major milestone in a collaborative effort among Rutgers University, Stockton University, the NJEDA and Ocean Power Technologies Inc., a publicly traded, Monroe Township, N.J.-based provider of maritime technology and services. Together, the partners aim to position New Jersey as a leader in sustainable marine innovation while delivering tangible benefits for research, workforce development and economic growth.

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Funding and Support Opportunities



The Garden State Energy Storage Program (GSESP) offers incentives for the installation of grid supply and distributed energy storage systems. Phase 1, Tranche 2 bid submissions are due August 7.

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New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Electric School Bus Grant program provides funding to replace diesel school buses with battery-electric school buses. Applications are due by August 28!

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Upcoming Events



2026 KEEA & EEANJ Industry Conference

September 1-3, 2026
King Of Prussia, PA

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Powering the Future Conference

September 30, 2026
East Wall, NJ

[Register](#)



Garden State C-PACE Program Webinar for Municipalities

- Thursday, October 1, 2026
- Zoom webinar
- Session time: 10:00 A.M.



Garden State C-PACE Program Webinar for Municipalities

October 1, 2026
Virtual

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Past Events



Energy Efficiency Roundtable

On March 23, the NJEDA hosted an Energy Efficiency Contractors Roundtable event. Participants discussed the private sector experience with the state's energy efficiency programs, which will help guide practical enhancements aligned with both industry needs and New Jersey's clean energy and energy efficiency objectives.



Virtual Power Plant Roundtable

On April 22, the NJEDA hosted a Virtual Power Plant (VPP) Roundtable event for industry leaders and state representatives. Jigar Shah kicked off the conversation and the session was engaging and productive, while also raising important questions that will help shape VPP implementation in New Jersey.



The **Multi-Agency Fleet Council meeting** was held at the Port Authority's Fleet Sustainability Expo, bringing together industry leaders for a roundtable discussion on pilot projects in the New York and New Jersey port region.



Recording of June 29 Clean Energy Office Hours: <https://youtu.be/DN4du9hwlWU>

News Highlights

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Princeton Plasma Forge to power New Jersey innovation

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Sherrill makes early moves to cut energy costs, add supply

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New law expands NJ energy storage incentives, extends deadline

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Camden County College electric vehicle program receives new funding

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New Jersey announces 355-MW storage procurement, solicits 645 MW more

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NJEDA launches \$4M Green Workforce Training Grant Challenge to power state's clean energy future

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Island Waterpark at Showboat secures NJ's first C-PACE loan

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New Jersey governor orders state to accelerate solar, storage and virtual power plants

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NJ governor signs bill to speed up residential solar permitting

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