

New Opportunities for Building Green in New York State

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ABSTRACT

NYSERDA is a national leader in supporting and advancing clean energy innovation, investment and deployment. Building on its vast technical and market expertise and through partnership with industry and communities, NYSEDA has prepared a proposal entitled the “Clean Energy Fund” (CEF) a key pillar in support of Governor Cuomo’s comprehensive “Reforming the Energy Vision” (REV) plan for New York State (NYS). The CEF is a 10 year program committed to building the energy system of tomorrow; reliable, affordable and focused on the development and deployment of clean technology. The CEF will work in coordination with other NYS efforts to promote cleaner, more resilient and more affordable energy infrastructure through several core principles. These principles include: stimulating consumer demand for clean energy options, supporting clean energy businesses that will meet consumer demand, enabling competitive markets and facilitating greater scale of clean energy and efficient options, accelerating innovation, leveraging private investments, providing temporary interventions and support to overcome specific barriers to scaling the market, and addressing fuel neutrality. The CEF opportunities for advancing new construction practices and building innovations strongly align with building green. This presentation will provide a high level overview of CEF, and highlight the proposed strategies for new construction and for advanced buildings research and development that address the residential, multifamily and commercial sectors. It will also briefly touch transitions that are underway of existing programs to the new approaches.

BIOGRAPHY

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