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ACE NY Statements on New NYSERDA Competitive Solicitation for Large-Scale Renewable Energy Projects and Governor Hochul Green NYCouncil Executive Order

*Governor Hochul calls for proposals for 2000 MW of new renewable energy generating capacity
GreenNY Council Executive Order requires 100% renewable electricity for State Agencies*

ALBANY, NY (September 21, 2022) — The Alliance for Clean Energy New York welcomes Governor Kathy Hochul's announcement today of the release of New York's sixth competitive solicitation for large-scale renewable projects under Tier 1 of the state's Clean Energy Standard Program.

Anne Reynolds, Executive Director of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) stated, “*The member companies of ACE NY are very glad to see this 2022 solicitation from New York for 2,000 megawatts of new renewable energy generating capacity. Wind and solar companies have been eagerly awaiting the next chance to compete for a contract award from New York.*”

She continued, “*It makes perfect sense for New York to release this next solicitation for wind power and solar power projects during Climate Week NYC, as building new renewable energy projects is the foundation of New York’s plan to tackle climate change. We applaud Governor Hochul for taking this next step. In this way, the best-designed and best-priced projects should win and get built, creating construction jobs and clean power for New Yorkers.*”

Today's action — and the renewable energy projects that will result from it — are a big step forward for New York State in achieving the nation-leading goal of 70% renewable energy by 2030. It is an opportunity for companies interested and able to provide clean energy, economic development, and increased employment throughout New York State to bid for a contract award.

The State anticipates that over time, these “large-scale renewable projects (are) expected to spur nearly \$3 billion in clean energy investments and create over 2,000 family-sustaining jobs in the green economy.”

Furthermore, the Alliance for Clean Energy New York enthusiastically supports Governor Hochul's continued commitment to achieve New York State's ambitious climate goals. Yesterday, Hochul signed an executive order that charges State agencies to use 100 percent renewable energy by 2030, achieve net zero in their combined \$50 billion investment portfolios by 2040, and

prioritize sustainability upgrades in State facilities located in historically disadvantaged communities.

Through these commitments, New York State will help to enact climate action through example and firmly establishes itself as a leader in decarbonization and clean energy solutions that are equitable and effective.

Anne Reynolds, Executive Director of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) stated, *“The Executive Order’s directive for all State agencies to go 100 percent renewable by 2030 will maximize the impact of this new renewable energy solicitation.”*

Executive Order 22 will be directed by the [GreenNY Council](#), a multi-agency working group co-chaired by the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Division of the Budget, the Office of General Services, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and the New York Power Authority. Required annual reporting from agencies and authorities will help ensure that the goals of the Order are achieved.

The Order covers the following targets and goals:

- 100 percent of the electricity used in State operations will come from renewable energy (as defined by the Clean Energy Standard) by 2030.
- 100 percent of light-duty non-emergency vehicle fleets will be Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) by 2035 and 100 percent of medium and heavy-duty vehicle fleets will be ZEVs by 2040.
- 11 trillion BTUs of energy savings will be achieved by 2025 through the BuildSmart 2025 program.
- Restricting new State facilities that enter design and permitting starting in 2024 from using infrastructure that can be used for the combustion of fossil fuels.
- Waste disposal will be reduced 10 percent every five years until reaching a goal of 75 percent lower than a 2018-19 Fiscal Year baseline, which will include a combination of strategies to divert materials from landfills, increase recycling, and enhance composting and other reuse of organic materials.
- The use of single use plastics will be eliminated in State operations.
- The use of toxic substances will be reduced in State operations.
- Habitats maintained by State agencies and authorities will be enhanced, including support for native pollinators.
- Climate resiliency at State facilities will be increased.

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About the Alliance for Clean Energy New York: The Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) is a broad coalition dedicated to promoting clean energy, energy efficiency, a healthy environment, and a strong economy for the Empire State, and is New York’s premier advocate for the rapid adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. www.aceny.org