



# Lead By Example: Energy

*The Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) has several initiatives underway to help Public Entities reduce their energy consumption and costs, and align their efforts with Governor Raimondo's Executive Order 15-17, State Agencies to Lead By Example in Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy.*

## 1. Energy Data Management

*Public sector entities, take control of your energy usage and costs.* OER is supporting State agencies by making energy consumption and cost data accessible online. OER is also working to centralize State agency energy data and billing – electric, natural gas, and delivered fuels – to improve energy usage and cost forecasting, streamline payment processes, and develop strategies to meet the State's energy reduction targets.

## 2. Purchasing Mechanisms

*Streamline procurement to implement cost-effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.* OER, in partnership with the Division of Purchases, has developed a Master Price Agreement (MPA 508) for turnkey energy efficiency projects. A Continuous Recruitment (CR) is also being developed to support public sector entities interested in renewable energy projects. These purchasing mechanisms expedite implementation by clearly defining proposal requisition processes and providing access to pools of prequalified vendors.

## 3. Energy Efficiency Projects

*Develop energy efficiency retrofits and above-code new construction projects for deep energy savings.* OER can provide administrative, technical and other support resources to assist public sector entities scope, procure, finance, and implement cost-effective energy efficiency projects at their facilities, and will facilitate collaboration between your agency, OER, your utility, and potential vendors.

## 4. Renewable Energy Installations

*Stabilize energy costs and shrink your carbon footprint by considering renewable energy for your facility.* There are numerous programs available to support the development of clean energy installations that offer the potential to reduce total energy costs, reduce exposure to energy price volatility, and "green-up" your agency/facility. OER can provide administrative, technical, and other support resources to help you move forward.

## 5. Training and Recognition Program

*Arm your staff with best practices to improve facility management and identify new cost-saving opportunities.* Help your staff learn green facility operations and maintenance practices. OER is interested in expanding access to trainings to support your facility operators and managers. A recognition program is also being developed to acknowledge energy pioneers in State agencies.

## 6. Energy Procurement

*Reduce your energy supply costs by leveraging economies of scale through competitive procurements.* OER, in coordination with the Department of Administration (DOA), recently conducted a competitive electric supply auction/procurement for all Executive agencies, Judicial, RIC/CCRI, and the quasi-state Resource Recovery Corporation. Similar efforts are now underway for natural gas supply. OER is interested in further aggregating demand and leveraging public sector economies of scale to reduce utility supply costs in future procurement efforts.

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