

Government Affairs Committee

Vermont Standard Offer Program – 2022 RFP Solicitation for Renewable Energy

On March 24th, the Vermont Standard Offer Facilitator “released the Request for Proposals (“RFP”) soliciting over 5 MW of new renewable energy projects under Vermont’s Standard Offer Program. The program’s individual project capacity for is up to 2.2 MW in a diverse range of renewable energy technologies for the RFP including – Solar, Biomass, Small Wind, Large Wind, Food Waste Anaerobic Digestion, Landfill Methane, and New Hydroelectric.”

Initially created in 2009 to help draw in more “small renewable energy generation,” the state of Vermont provided long-term fixed price contracts with a total capacity of 127.5 MW “is distributed in annual increments, with 2022 being the final year of solicitation for new projects. The RFP specifies total available capacity, capacity allocated to each technology, and price caps for each technology.”

Vermont House Energy and Technology Committee – Energy Savings Account

Testimony is underway with the Vermont House Energy and Technology Committee (S.269) to extend the Pilot Program for businesses that chose to participate. The House Energy and Technology Committee began taking testimony on S.269, a bill that would extend the Energy Savings Account Pilot Program for participating businesses. “The original program had been impacted by a slow roll out of programmatic guidelines and COVID-19 related delays. The pilot program is intended to see if greater energy savings can be found through large employers implementing their own efficiency projects with the funds their company would have otherwise paid into the Energy Efficiency charge.”

Reaching Energy Equity Goals with GreenSavingSmart

GreenSavingSmart is a new program that provides financial advisory services to low- and moderate-income individuals throughout Vermont to help promote clean energy decisions at the individual level.

“Vermonters face multiple barriers to accessing and affording heating, transportation and home energy improvements. Understanding the complexity of programs, eligibility criteria, and incentives can be an overwhelming experience. GreenSavingSmart provides a pathway to access rebates, incentives, and services available – in order to realize cost savings and carbon reduction.”

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