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Clean Energy Group: Advancing Clean Energy Policy, Technology and Finance

Clean Energy Group (CEG) is a leading national, non-profit advocacy organization working on innovative policy, technology, and finance programs in the areas of clean energy and climate change. CEG promotes effective clean energy policies, develops low-carbon technology innovation strategies, and works on new financial tools to advance clean energy markets. CEG's projects span state, national, and international levels and engage stakeholders from governments and the private and nonprofit sectors.

Clean Energy Group assists states to create and implement innovative practices and public funding programs for clean energy project deployment; and advances effective distributed innovation theories, finance, and commercialization tools for new climate technologies. CEG manages the Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA). CEG and CESA are based in Montpelier, VT and are funded by major foundations as well as state and federal agencies (www.cleanegroup.org).

Selection of Clean Energy Group's Projects

The **Offshore Wind Accelerator Project** (OWAP), a joint effort of CEG and CESA, has two main focuses: to work with states to help them in their efforts to advance offshore wind, and to engage in broad-ranging communication efforts about offshore wind news and developments (www.cleanegroup.org/ceg-projects/offshore-wind-accelerator-project).

The **Northeast Wind Resource Center** (NWRC), funded in part by the U.S. Department of Energy and managed by CEG and CESA, is the regional epicenter for salient, unbiased information on land-based and offshore wind energy in the Northeast (www.northeastwindcenter.org). As part of this project, CEG and CESA maintain the Offshore Wind Hub (www.offshorewindhub.org).

The **Resilient Power Project**, a joint initiative of CEG and the Meridian Institute, is focused on accelerating market development of resilient, clean energy solutions for affordable housing and critical community facilities in low-income and disadvantaged communities (www.resilient-power.org).

Energy Storage. CEG is engaged in establishing a state policy platform for the advancement of energy storage markets and deployment of energy storage solutions to advance economic, environmental, and public health goals. Effective energy storage solutions can provide the flexibility not only to improve the current electric power system but to completely re-envision how power is produced and delivered (www.cleanegroup.org/ceg-projects/energy-storage).

The **Clean Energy Finance Project** is focused on developing solutions to finance challenges that inhibit expansion of clean energy markets. CEG works to accelerate clean energy economic and community development at the state, regional, and local level (www.cleanegroup.org/ceg-projects/clean-energy-finance).



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Clean Energy States Alliance: Advancing State Leadership in Clean Energy

The Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA) is a national, nonprofit coalition of public agencies and organizations working together to advance clean energy. CESA members—mostly state agencies—include many of the most innovative, successful, and influential public funders of clean energy initiatives in the country. CESA's members represent diverse organizations, from state energy offices and public utilities commissions to municipally owned utilities and quasi-governmental or third-party entities specifically established to administer clean energy funding and programs.

CESA works with state leaders, federal agencies, industry representatives, and other stakeholders to develop and promote clean energy technologies and markets. It supports effective state and local policies, programs, and innovation in the clean energy generation sector, with an emphasis on renewable energy, financing strategies, and economic development. CESA facilitates information sharing, provides technical assistance, coordinates multi-state collaborative projects, and communicates the views and achievements of its members (www.cesa.org).

Selection of CESA's Projects

Offshore Wind. CESA and Clean Energy Group manage the offshore wind component of the Northeast Wind Resource Center (NWRC), which works with northeast states to advance offshore wind policy through multi-state dialogue and information exchange. CESA helps maintain the Offshore Wind Hub, a website providing open access to documents related to offshore wind policy, technology, economics, and siting. The site contains up-to-date information for all Atlantic coast states from Maine to Georgia (www.cesa.org/projects/excelerating-offshore-wind-OWAP).

Regional Offshore Wind Roadmap. CESA is facilitating a project, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), to develop a roadmap for multi-state cooperation on offshore wind development in the Northeast. The major participants in the project are the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (the DOE grant recipient), the Maine Governor's Energy Office, the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, and the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (www.northeastwindcenter.org/offshore-wind/multi-state).

Energy Storage Technology Advancement

Partnership (ESTAP). This project's objective is to accelerate the pace of deployment of energy storage technologies in the United States through the creation of technical assistance and co-funding partnerships between states and the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Electricity (www.cesa.org/projects/energy-storage-technology-advancement-partnership).

RPS Collaborative. Created and managed by CESA, the RPS Collaborative serves as a forum for the exchange of experiences and lessons learned regarding the implementation of state Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) policies. The Collaborative offers a free monthly newsletter, regular webinars, reports, an annual National Summit on RPS, and opportunities for information exchange between many different stakeholders. It is supported by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Energy Foundation (www.cesa.org/projects/renewable-portfolio-standards).