



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY &  
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

CONSULTANT TEAM

# EERMC Priorities 2024-2026 Plan Priorities

Presented By: EERMC C-Team

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# Priorities Development Process




The Consultant Team (C-Team) presented proposed *2024-2026 EE Plan Priorities\** during the February 2023 EERMC Meeting

The latest version of the draft Priorities memo ***includes Councilor and RI Energy feedback*** offered since the February EERMC Meeting

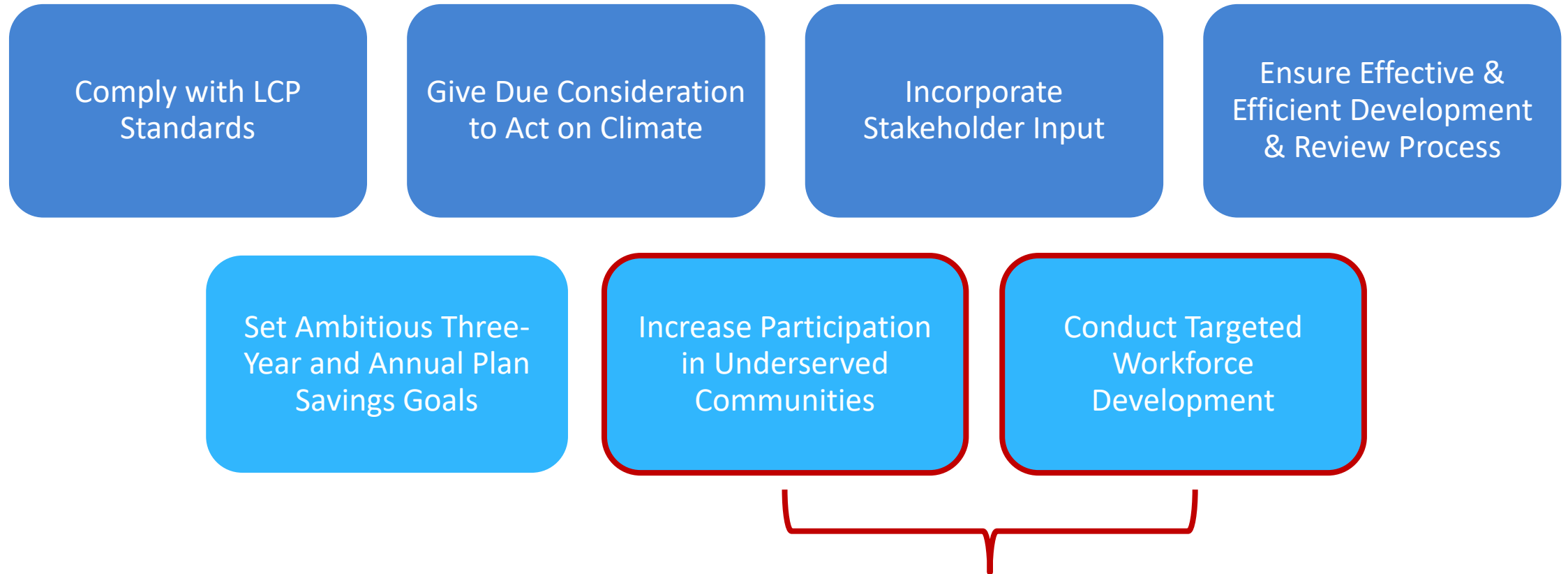
- The C-Team met with RI Energy to discuss their feedback and clarify language included in the Priorities document
- A survey was administered to garner additional Council feedback on existing priorities or additional priorities

*\*Includes both the 2024 EE Annual Plan and 2024-2026 EE Three-Year Plan*



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# Proposed 2024-2026 EE Plan Priorities



Replaces broader “Support Equity and Access” priority from 2023 Plan, alongside equity focused elements within other priorities



# Summary of Updates

Added introductory language indicating that the Priorities are not strict requirements for Council endorsement of EE/SRP Plans

Modified language to directing the Company to “lead coordination” of statewide efforts related to the Act on Climate and non-ratepayer funding

- Suggested that the Company “actively coordinate with” other involved parties on behalf of EE stakeholders

Reordered Priorities to emphasize the importance of compliance with LCP Standards and Act on Climate



# Next Steps

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**March** – Council votes on Priorities and C-Team presents EE Priorities to EE Technical Working Group

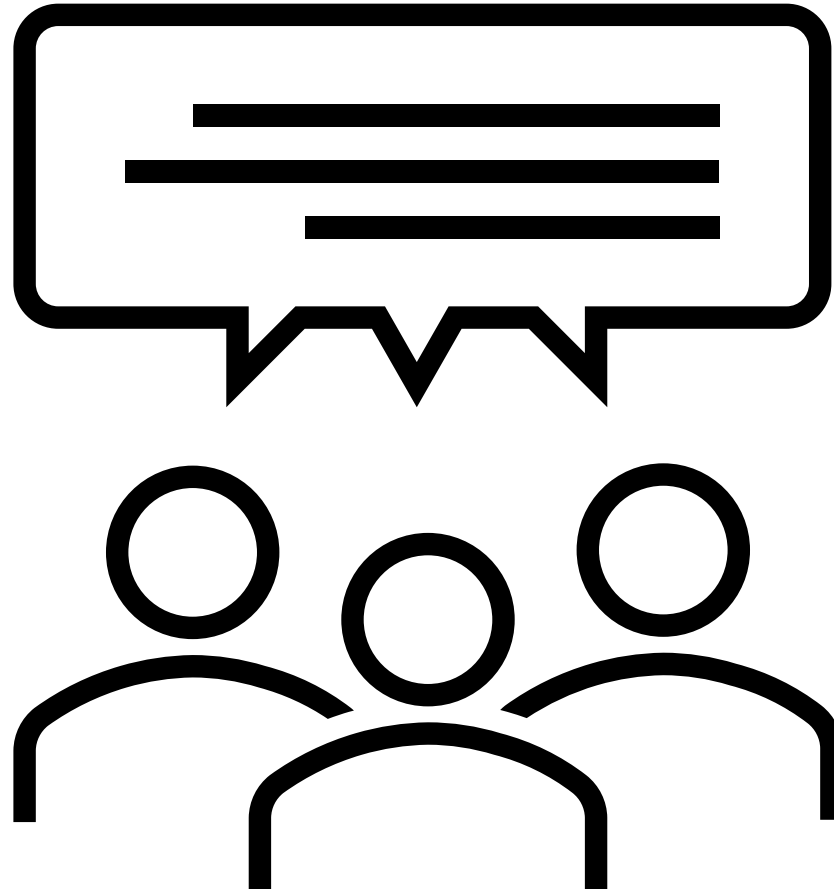
– March 16<sup>th</sup> EERMC Meeting and March 23<sup>rd</sup> TWG Meeting

**April** – RI Energy releases 2024-2026 Three-Year Plan Outline Memo

**June** – RI Energy releases first draft 2024-2026 Three-Year Plan



# Council Member Discussion





# APPENDIX








# 2024-2026 EE/SRP PLAN PRIORITIES







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# Comply with LCP Standards



Apply the clear, outcome-oriented direction provided in the Least-Cost Procurement Standards section on General Plan Design and Principles for annual planning.

- This includes any subsequent updates to the Standards.

Include key metrics to be tracked and reported



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# Incorporate Stakeholder Input



Reflect priorities set by Technical Working Group members

Reflect Equity Working Group findings and conclusions throughout Plan

The EERMC, in collaboration with the Company, should host at least two public comment listening sessions on the 2024-2026 EE Three-Year Plan



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# Effective Development Review Process



Adhere to *Key Deliverables and Schedule*

Assure necessary time is afforded to the EERMC and stakeholders to participate in, review and reach clear understanding of the content of the 2024-2026 EE Plans sufficient to make informed decisions on whether to endorse the Plans



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# Due Consideration to Act on Climate






Set Three-Year Plan savings goals to ensure EE programs contribute an appropriate share of carbon emissions reductions

Determine necessary GHG emissions reductions from EE programs required to comply with the Act on Climate, pending release of the 2025 Climate Strategy, by actively coordinating with the EC4 and other parties.

Engage in a robust stakeholder process for determining an appropriate carbon pricing approach

Promote EE participation among Rhode Island communities most vulnerable to climate change



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# Set Ambitious Savings Goals



Set Three Year and Annual Plan goals for 2024-2026 that meet EERMC-recommended targets or explain any gaps between the targets and EE Plan goals

Ambitious goals should signal to the industry the intent to grow energy efficiency programs and participation



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# Increase Participation by Underserved Customers



Engage energy efficiency stakeholders to establish specific criteria for target, underserved, or environmental justice communities as part of the 2024-2026 Three-Year Plan development process

Target each of those communities, in addition to other underserved customer groups, throughout 2024-2026



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# Targeted Workforce Development



Develop detailed workforce development plans that target small/MWBE contractors and leverage state/federal funds where available

Provide technical support for small/MWBE contractors seeking to participate as energy efficiency program vendors

Deliver small/MWBE contractor trainings that target underserved communities in Rhode Island



# Proposed 2024-2026 SRP Plan Priorities

Rhode Island Energy will be developing a separate System Reliability Procurement (SRP) Three Year Plan for 2024-2026 during 2023. The priorities here relate to the development of that Plan.

Category	The 2023 System Reliability Procurement Plan Should...
Responsiveness	Demonstrate continued responsiveness to Council and other stakeholder input, including during the development of the 2024-2026 SRP Three Year Plan
Stakeholder Engagement	Ensure sufficient opportunities for stakeholder engagement and substantive contributions during SRP planning and implementation
Continued Methodological Development	Actively pursue further development of benefit cost analysis and assessment of internal EE and DER solutions to grid needs
Complete Non-Pipes Program Design and other 2021-2023 3YP Commitments	Ensure Non-Pipes Alternative (NPA) program design is complete within 2023. Ensure that the results of this program design work, and any other learnings from the 2021-2023 3YP, are appropriately incorporated and built upon in 2024-2026 3YP.