



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF  
ENERGY RESOURCES**

# FY2024 State Budget - Energy Subjects and Next Steps with EE Admin RFP Process

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## FY24 State Budget – Energy Subjects

- 2023-2024 Winter Electricity Rate Relief (Gross Receipts Tax) for Residential and Small Businesses between December 2023 and March 2024.
- Beginning in Fiscal Year 2024, up to \$1.5 million annually from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) auction proceeds to support Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4) policy and programmatic efforts.
- For Fiscal Year 2023, a one-time \$3 million allocation from RGGI to EC4 to maintain funding for the existing electric vehicle and electric bicycle incentive program and to support other projects.
- OER issuing an RFP for the Administration of the State Energy Efficiency Programs by September 30, 2023.

## FY24 State Budget – Energy Subjects

- OER, in coordination with the EERMC, and following consultation with the PUC and DPUC, will issue an RFP for the administration and implementation of State Energy Efficiency Programs.
- OER, in coordination with the EERMC, shall evaluate proposals and determine whether the administration and implementation of the State Energy Efficiency Programs by a third party or the utility will achieve the most net benefits for RI customers.
- Nothing prohibits the utility from submitting a proposal to OER during the RFP posting period.
- Recommendations from the OER RFP selection process are to be filed with the PUC and a docket is to be opened to rule on the recommendation.

# Tentative Timeline for the State Energy Efficiency Programs Administration RFP

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** – Update to the EERMC regarding the FY24 State Budget on the State Energy Efficiency Programs Administration RFP.

**Week of June 26<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup>** - OER will have a 2-week public comment period and one public meeting (in-person and virtual options) for state agencies/staffs (PUC, DPUC), energy/environmental stakeholders, EERMC members and the public to provide comments on the drafted scope of work that would be incorporated into the State Purchasing RFP template. The information will be posted on OER website.

**Week of July 10<sup>th</sup>** – Reviewing the public comments submitted on the drafted scope of work.

**Week of July 17<sup>th</sup>** – Posting on OER website the latest draft of the RFP scope of work.

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**Week of July 17<sup>th</sup>** – Collecting additional feedback on the drafted scope of work from the EERMC members (excluding the utility) individually with OER staff (Steve) in July and/or the EERMC meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Week of July 26<sup>th</sup>** – OER will file the drafted State Energy Efficiency Program Administrator RFP to the PUC.

**Week of August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>** – Coordination and scheduling a date (TBD) with the PUC staff for the technical session on the drafted RFP to discuss and collect feedback from the PUC, DPUC and public.

**Week of August 14<sup>th</sup>** – OER update at the EERMC meeting on the status of the drafted RFP and collecting final feedback from the EERMC (excluding the utility) members.

# Tentative Timeline for the State Energy Efficiency Programs Administration RFP

**Week of September 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>** – State Purchasing posts the OER Administration of the State Energy Efficiency Programs RFP for a 5-to-7-week period.

**November/December** – The RFP closes in November. OER will set up an RFP Technical Review Committee with 3 OER staff members and will also respectfully request 2 members of the EERMC to serve as Technical Advisors to review the submitted bidder proposals and provide feedback to OER during the evaluation process.

**December** – OER files the results of the RFP evaluation process and recommended bidder to the PUC prior to the holiday breaks.

**January/June 2024** – PUC docket proceeding established and ruling on the recommended bidder to administer the State Energy Efficiency Programs during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 2020s.

**Questions/Comments**