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Alliance for Clean Energy NY and New York Offshore Wind Alliance
Welcome Largest Renewable Energy Solicitation Ever in the U.S.

Statements from Anne Reynolds, Executive Director, ACE NY, and
Joe Martens, Director, NYOWA

Albany, NY – Anne Reynolds, Executive Director of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York stated:

“New York’s ambitious program to support for wind and solar power is a job-creator and an investment in a cleaner and more modern electricity supply. The renewable energy industry is ready to invest in New York and be a part of building back greener after COVID-19. This action is a fantastically strong signal from New York to the renewables industry. What better investment than renewable energy and cleaner air for New Yorkers?” She continued, “This is the third solicitation under NY’s Clean Energy Standard, and the first to offer a new Index REC contract structure. We greatly appreciate that Governor Cuomo has remained committed to clean energy and climate action even in the midst of the world’s events and continues to innovate and enhance New York’s renewable energy programs.”

Joe Martens, Director of New York Offshore Wind Alliance stated:

“Today’s announcement that NYSERDA will issue the State’s second offshore wind request for proposals for up to 2,500 megawatts (MW) of offshore wind generation in conjunction with a $400 million port infrastructure RFP is huge. Port infrastructure and offshore wind development go hand-in-hand and, with the release of these two RFPs, New York is clearly positioned to lead the nation in offshore wind development and maximize its environmental and economic benefits. These investments will simultaneously help jumpstart New York economy in the wake of the pandemic and help achieve the nation-leading renewable energy standards laid out in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act signed by the Governor less than a year ago,” Martens concluded.

Today’s clean energy announcement from Governor Cuomo includes the 2020 NYSERDA Tier 1 RFP for 1.6 million MWh under the Clean Energy Standard; a combined 2020 Offshore Wind RFP and Port Investment RFP for up to 2500 MW of offshore wind and $400 million for port
improvements and readiness; and a new NYPA RFP for 2 million MWh of wind or solar power. For Tier 1, this is the first RFP to offer a new Index REC contracting structure. The RFP also has new requirements with respect to community engagement and agriculture mitigation. The NYPA RFP will offer a bundled contract, i.e. a contract for both the energy and its renewable attributes together. All labor supported by these contracts will be required to pay prevailing wage.

The announcement all includes a solicitation for municipalities to identify and nominate sites for New York’s new “Build-Ready” large scale renewables program. See the Governor’s Press Release.

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**About the Alliance for Clean Energy New York:** The Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) is a broad coalition dedicated to promoting clean energy, energy efficiency, a healthy environment, and a strong economy for the Empire State, and is New York’s premier advocate for the rapid adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. [www.aceny.org](http://www.aceny.org)

**About the New York Offshore Wind Alliance:** The New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) is a diverse coalition of organizations with a shared interest in promoting the responsible development of offshore wind power for New York. NYOWA is a new project of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY). [www.nyowa.org](http://www.nyowa.org)