



Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources ***Public School Building Automation Accelerator***

The Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER), through its Lead by Example (LBE) Initiative, has been working with state agencies for a number of years, developing and implementing clean energy projects. The Building Automation Accelerator is a new effort to upgrade, or in many facilities install for the first time, HVAC controls that we are pleased to offer to public schools as part of our Public School Energy Equity Program.

This accelerator is being supported through a combination of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) auction proceeds and federal grant funding through the Department of Energy. We will also leverage any available utility-administered energy efficiency funding for each of these projects.

Accelerator Objective

The accelerator provides technical assistance, procurement support, implementation oversight, and financial incentives to Rhode Island Public Schools to accelerate the adoption of clean energy technologies. Building Automation Systems can provide immediate and significant energy cost reductions, shrink public sector footprints, and support clean energy jobs, all in line with the 2021 Act on Climate legislation. These systems also provide significant operational control and flexibility to building operators and improve building comfort and indoor air quality.

Eligibility

Currently, this program's eligibility aligns with the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) Facility Equity Initiative communities. The ten (10) communities currently eligible are: Central Falls, Providence, Pawtucket, Woonsocket, West Warwick, East Providence, North Providence, Cranston, Coventry, and Burrillville. As eligibility expands, we will update this list.

Application Process

- An eligible entity must submit a completed accelerator application.
- Each application will be reviewed for eligibility and other criteria by OER staff. OER reserves the right to request additional information directly from the applicant prior to making its final award determination. Submission of an application alone does not guarantee funding.
- If approved, OER will notify the applicant electronically or in writing.

- Once approved, OER will schedule with the listed contact person an energy audit. This energy audit will generate a scope of work and other procurement documents the applicant can use to competitively bid the project.
- OER will provide the agency with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will describe the financial commitment and terms of cooperation between the parties.
- Incentives offered through this accelerator are made on a first-come, first-served basis and are contingent on the availability of funds. OER – at its sole discretion – reserves the right to accept, reject, or request modifications to any application for reasons including, but not limited to, availability of funding and/or failure to meet all eligibility and other accelerator criteria.

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LEAD BY EXAMPLE
Application for Public Schools
Building Automation System Accelerator

FACILITY INFORMATION	
School District/Municipality:	
School Name:	
School Address:	
Contact Person:	
Title:	
Email:	
Phone Number:	

PROJECT DETAILS	
School area in sq. feet:	
Current controls installed and approximate age:	
Current Heating Fuel:	
Natural Gas Account:	
Electricity Account Number:	
Applicant Name and Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	