



April 29, 2013

Re: Saving Money with Sustainable Energy Management through the RI Public Energy Partnership

Dear Public Facility Manager,

As Commissioner of the **Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources** (RI OER), it gives me great pleasure to invite your participation in the **Rhode Island Public Energy Partnership** (RIPEP).

Funded by the **U.S. Department of Energy**, RIPEP is a 3-year collaborative effort to achieve deep energy savings in municipal and state facilities and build a sustained, effective infrastructure for ongoing savings. Led by the RI OER, RIPEP brings together key state agencies, municipal governments, utilities and state university partners to:

- Create a comprehensive inventory of energy consumption in the public sector;
- Help approximately 100 facilities implement energy efficiency projects and measures to attain an average of 20% energy savings; and
- Identify and mitigate barriers to efficiency improvements in the public sector.

***Rhode Island public facilities present unique opportunities for energy efficiency savings with proven reductions in operating costs.***

RIPEP can offer:

- **No-Cost Energy Baseline** – Complete baseline and benchmarking of your facilities' energy consumption and costs using EPA ENERGY STAR's Portfolio Manager, a free web-based energy monitoring tool
- **Subsidized Energy Audits** – Subsidized National Grid energy audits and technical assessments
- **Technical Assistance & Financing** – Access to highly skilled technical assistance and innovative financing mechanisms to help you implement energy efficiency projects

In this folder, you will find the following documents that you **must fill out to participate** in RIPEP:

- Customer Authorization Letter (this form will allow National Grid to release your facilities' load data for gas and electric accounts)
- Public Facility Data Request Form

Please take the time to report this much-needed information even if you do not intend to perform any retrofits in the near future. Based on the information you provide, we will create a complete baseline

and benchmark of your facilities' energy consumption using Portfolio Manager, a free online tool developed by EPA ENERGY STAR. This information will help you to better understand your energy costs and identify potential opportunities for energy reduction.

We will prioritize facilities that have significant savings opportunities and that demonstrate a willingness to participate by reporting this information in a timely manner. Please email/fax/mail these completed forms at your earliest convenience to:

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We look forward to working with you on this exciting opportunity to reduce your operating costs and help make Rhode Island a national model for sustainable energy in the public sector.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marion S. Gold". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Marion S. Gold, Ph. D.

Commissioner, Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources