NYS Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA)

Net Zero Energy for Economic Development

Q. Can a project receive funding for this program in conjunction with an award from the NYSERDA Energy Efficiency Programs?

A. No. A project awarded through this program will be ineligible to participate in NYSERDA's other energy efficiency or renewable energy programs.

Q. Does the facility have to pay into the SBC in order to be eligible to apply?

A. Projects located in the Long Island REDC region are not required to pay into the SBC to qualify for incentives. Projects located in all other REDC regions (Capital Region, Central NY, Finger Lakes, Mid-Hudson, Mohawk Valley, North Country, NYC Southern Tier, and Western NY) must pay into the SBC to be eligible to participate in this program.

Q. Can construction begin on a project prior to awards being announced?

A. Any work completed on a project prior to a signed agreement with NYSERDA will not be eligible for an incentive.

Q. Can demolition begin on a project prior to awards being announced?

A. Demolition and site preparation costs are not eligible for an incentive from this program.

Q. Does a contract to purchase renewable energy count as the renewable energy required to achieve net zero energy performance?

A. For Category A projects, the renewable energy generation of a project for the calculation of net zero energy performance is required to be produced at the project site, except in locations where the Electric Utility company will not allow electric to back feed into the grid.

For Category B projects, a contract to purchase renewable energy may be used to supplement the renewable energy generated within the project boundary.

Q. Is there a minimum project size?

A. No.