

## **NYS Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA)**

### **Building Cleaner Communities Competition**

**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 programs and the Clean Heat program administered by the Utilities, but may be eligible to receive incentives under NYSERDA's renewable energy programs (i.e., NY Sun).

**Q. Does the facility have to pay into the System Benefits Charge (SBC) in order to be eligible to apply?**

A. Projects applying under this program are not required to pay into the SBC, NYSERDA has a limited amount of funding that is available in territories that do not pay into the SBC.

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

A. Any work completed on a project or materials purchased 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, and therefore are not restricted under this program.

**Q. Is there a minimum project size?**

A. No.

**Q. Is an energy model of the facility required for the application?**

A. No, energy modeling work does not need to be completed at the time of application.