



2026 Renewable Energy (RE) Growth Program

For Solar (>25 kW), Wind, Hydroelectric, and Anaerobic Digester Projects

The Renewable Energy Growth Program seeks renewable generation to enroll in 2026 in specific technology and size classes.

Open Enrollment Overview:

- Rhode Island Energy will have three 2-week open enrollments in Program Year 2026. Large-Scale Solar projects may only bid into the third Open Enrollment.
- During each enrollment, standard short-form applications will be accepted. These applications will first be reviewed to determine if a given project meets specified eligibility and minimum threshold requirements.
- Projects that meet the eligibility and minimum threshold requirements will be awarded based on the price they bid, up to the renewable energy class megawatt target for the year. Bid prices must be at or below the “ceiling prices” determined for a given Program Year.
- Projects may not be operational, under construction (except for preparatory site work that is less than 25% of the estimated total project cost), or fully financed for construction at the time of application submission.
- Prior to the enrollment period, applicants must receive an Impact Study for Renewable Distributed Generation (ISRDG) or an Interconnection Services Agreement (ISA) from Rhode Island Energy. The applicant must have site control, and must meet the core forest requirement.
- All projects must be constructed and operational within 24, 36, or 48 months - depending on the renewable energy class.
- Further information on the application process, current classes, ceiling prices, current enrollment rules and official tariffs are available on our website: <https://rienergy.com/site/other-parties/business-partners/rfp-and-procurement/re-growth-program>

How It Works:

- Successful enrollees may choose to be paid directly for all output as a Performance-Based Incentive (PBI), or through bill credits plus the remainder in direct payment.*
- All payments are guaranteed through approved 20-year term tariffs, rather than through contracts.
- Rhode Island Energy acquires all generated energy, Renewable Energy Certificates, and other environmental attributes and market products.
- Projects over 25 kW must register with ISO-NE.
- Before payment can be made for generation, a DG Project must apply for an eligible renewable energy resource certification from the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission. The application can be found here: <https://ripuc.ri.gov/utility-information/electric/rhode-island-renewable-energy-standard-ri-res-program>
- See the “Tax Policy” on our website for details on taxable income at the following link: <https://www.rienergy.com/site/other-parties/business-partners/rfp-and-procurement/re-growth-program/related-links>.
- Systems may be subject to inspection.



**Payments for qualified generation are made using a Performance-Based Incentive (PBI). PBIs are based on the price a developer bids during the Open Enrollment, which must be at or below the applicable ceiling price. PBIs are funded through the RE Growth Program Charge on customers' bills, and Ceiling Prices are set by the RI Distributed Generation Board, and approved by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission.*