

News from the Green Communities Division



Lunch & Learn Virtual Workshop Series Continued on Wednesdays, June 15th – June 29th at Noon

[Learn More and Register for Workshops Here!](#)

The Central Mass Regional Planning Commission and UMass Collins Center for Public Management are offering **free municipal energy-focused Lunch & Learn sessions**. Each Wednesday, grab your lunch, hop on Zoom, and hear each of the expert panelists share their experiences. Registration on the [website](#) required. You will receive the Zoom link for each workshop after registering. Workshops will focus on the following topics:

- June 15, 2022 @ Noon: **Peer Experiences with Hybrids, Electric Vehicles (EVs), and EV Charging Stations**
- June 22, 2022 @ Noon: **Improving Energy Efficiency in Buildings: Successes, Challenges, and Strategies**
- June 29, 2022 @ Noon: **Energy Justice and Increasing Access for All**

Please note each workshop is a separate Zoom link, so please register for each workshop individually on the website.

MassDEP Offers Gap III Energy Grants

Under the leadership of MassDEP, the **Clean Energy Results Program** (CERP) is an integrated energy and environmental partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources and the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center that reduces regulatory or other barriers to clean and energy efficient development across the state.

The Gap Grant is a cornerstone of this partnership and is a streamlined energy grant funding model that has helped **municipal water and wastewater utilities** reduce their energy usage and operating costs, and improve the environment. The grant is designed to fill the last “gap” in project financing, enabling and encouraging facilities to use energy utility incentives as well as funding from other sources to install selected energy efficiency and clean energy generation projects.

A **virtual bidders conference** will be held **10 am, Tuesday, June 14** and applications from water/wastewater utilities are due **Friday, July 15**. [Click here](#) to learn more.

MA Climate Change Assessment: Two Ways to Share Your Voice!

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs (EEA) invites you to join a statewide conversation on how the **impacts of climate change affect you and your community**. This conversation will inform the **2022 Massachusetts Climate Change Assessment** and builds on the meetings that EEA held in March. We are seeking your input to prioritize climate impacts based on your experiences and concerns for the future. All are welcome, regardless of participation in prior meetings.

There are two ways to participate:

- Complete a brief survey on the climate impacts most important to you (takes up to 10 minutes). This survey is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, Russian, Khmer, Arabic and Cape Verdean Kriolu. [Go to the survey](#).

- [Join us by registering for one of the four discussions \(up to 90 minutes each\)](#). Simultaneous interpretation services for languages other than English are available upon request—requests must be made at least 48 hours before the session you plan to attend. Registration and Accessibility. Once you sign up, you will receive an email confirming your registration. During registration, please request reasonable accommodations for a disability or interpreter services in a language other than English, so that you can participate in the conversation. Please make interpretation requests at least 48 hours

before the session you plan to attend. We will do our best to accommodate these needs to allow community members to participate as fully as possible.

Please contact Carolyn Meklenburg (carolyn.meklenburg@mass.gov) or Hannah Stroud (hannah.stroud@erg.com) with any questions.

Better Buildings Webinar: Going All-Electric in Large-Scale Systems

US Department of Energy's Better Buildings program is launching its summer webinar series on **Tuesday, June 14** with a session devoted to strategies for electrifying large buildings. Hear from commercial building and campus building owners and central plant engineers about the planning process to justify large-scale heat pump systems.

This webinar kicks off the **2022 Better Buildings Summer Series**, a 3-month slate of webinars highlighting topics facing today's energy professionals with leading experts driving the conversation. Webinars are typically held on **Tuesdays from 11 am - 12 pm**, check out the [full series schedule](#) and sign up today

MassCEC Offers Equity Workforce Training Planning Grants

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) released a funding opportunity for Equity Workforce Planning Grants of \$50,000 each. These grants allow organizations to work with employers and partners to develop plans for career training programs for residents of Massachusetts Environmental Justice (EJ) neighborhoods and/or fossil fuel workers. The planning grants are intended to assist and prepare organizations for future large-scale, multi-year equity workforce training funding opportunities that will lead participants to employment in climate critical occupational categories. Webinars and office hours are also being offered.

Applications are due July 1. Visit MassCEC's [website](#) for more information.

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