

News from the Green Communities Division



IRA Elective Pay Webinar for Local Governments:

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) passed last year has numerous funding opportunities for residents, businesses, and the public sector. One to the components of the IRA is the “direct pay” provision that now allows non-taxable entities, including municipalities, to receive a **direct payment of the monetary value of the Investment Tax Credit and Production Tax Credit for the installation of many clean energy projects.**

On **July 14th 1:30 PM**, join White House staff and tax and policy experts for a webinar that will dive into the eligible IRA provisions, proposed guidance, and how your community can make the most of these incentives. There will be plenty of time for questions.

This webinar is co-hosted by Rewiring America, Climate Mayors, C40 Cities, Urban Sustainability Directors Network, and National League of Cities. You can **register [here](#)**.

We're Hiring!

Join our team! We are actively recruiting a new Regional Coordinator to serve northeastern Massachusetts. We're seeking **energetic folks who are self-directed and excited about our mission**. The job description is available [online](#).

Mass Save Energy Code Training

Trainings for Massachusetts code officials, design professionals, builders, subcontractors, suppliers of materials and equipment, and others

Mass Save® Energy Code Technical Support is delivered by Performance Systems Development (PSD). Support services are offered as part of the Mass Save Codes and Standards Compliance and Support Initiative. Sponsors of Mass Save are providing virtual energy code training throughout the summer. These training sessions are approved for MA code officials CEC, AIA LUs, CSL and BPI CEUs.

Training topic	Date	Time	Registration link
Residential - (R2.2) Residential Additions	7/26/2023	1:00 - 2:00 pm	Residential Additions
Commercial - (C1.2) Commercial Stretch Code Changes	7/26/2023	2:05 - 3:05 pm	Commercial Stretch Code Changes
Residential - (R2.3) Residential Alterations	8/30/2023	1:00 - 2:00 pm	Residential Alterations
Commercial - (C1.3) Commercial Solar & EV Ready	8/30/2023	2:05 - 3:05 pm	Commercial Solar & EV Ready

To learn more about code training and to sign up for the email list, visit [MassSave Code Training](#).

2023 Clean School Bus Grants

EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting applications from eligible entities to incentivize and accelerate the replacement of existing school buses with clean and Zero Emissions school buses. Eligible activities include the **replacement of existing internal-combustion engine school buses** with electric, propane, or compressed natural gas (CNG) school buses, as well as the purchase of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) infrastructure and EVSE installations.

Applications will be accepted from state and local governmental entities that provide bus service, including public school districts; eligible contractors; and nonprofit school transportation associations.

EPA anticipates awarding approximately \$400 million of funding in [this solicitation](#).

ACT School Bus Advisory Services

To help school districts plan for the deployment of electric school buses, the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) is offering **free fleet electrification planning support to public school districts** across Massachusetts. The Accelerating Clean Transportation (ACT) School Bus Advisory Program will provide public school districts and third-party school bus fleet operators technical services such as:

- vehicle and charging infrastructure analysis
- feasibility designs
- financial models
- preparing for and applying for future funding opportunities
- vehicle and charging station procurement plans

- educational materials

MassCEC is currently soliciting interest in this program. [Click here](#) to learn more.