

NOW REGISTERING

# Rhode Island Clean Energy Week

MAY 4 TO 8, 2026

**50+**

SPEAKERS

**7**

PANELS

**4**

SHOWCASES

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DAYS

**1**

MISSION

## THE PANELS

**1**

When the Meter Fights Back, 8:45 AM

**2**

Is Rhode Island's Workforce Ready for 2033?, 10 AM

**3**

Show Me the Money, 11:15 AM

**4**

From Federal Hill to Federal Court, 12:30 PM

**5**

America's Ocean State, 1:45 PM

**6**

The Schools, The Farms, The Ports, 3 PM

**7**

City Hall Goes Green, 4:15 PM

*“The future belongs to those who show up for it.”*

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Register now for every event of the week, free and open to the public

## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

# Labor Leading the Just Transition

*How Rhode Island AFL-CIO and Climate Jobs Rhode Island are building the workforce that will carry this state to 2033*

The clean energy transition does not happen in boardrooms or on press releases. It happens on rooftops, in mechanical rooms, in school basements, along transmission corridors, and out on the water. It happens because skilled tradespeople show up, do the work, and do it right the first time. That is the story Rhode Island is writing right now, and labor is at the center of every chapter. Patrick Crowley and the Rhode Island AFL-CIO have been one of the most consistent and most credible voices in New England for what a real just transition looks like. Not a slogan, not a logo on a slide deck, but family sustaining careers, apprenticeship pipelines, project labor agreements, and the simple insistence that the working people building this grid share in the prosperity they are creating. Patrick has stood with NREC from our first conversation, and the Rhode Island AFL-CIO comes to Clean Energy Week as our Founding Labor Partner.

Climate Jobs Rhode Island has quietly become one of the most important coalitions in the state. Their research on offshore wind, school decarbonization, and building trades apprenticeships has shaped real policy, not just talking points. They bring educators, the building trades, service workers, and community leaders to the same table, and the result is an agenda rooted in what actually works for Rhode Islanders.

***“Clean energy built right is clean energy built by Rhode Islanders, with family sustaining wages and a real path to retirement.”***

Every part of Rhode Island Clean Energy Week 2026 has been built with labor at the table, not as a courtesy seat but as a founding voice. Workforce readiness is one of our seven flagship panels. Union leaders, apprenticeship directors, educators, and union contractors will be present across all five days, in direct conversation with utility executives, regulators, federal funders, and the developers who need skilled crews yesterday. Rhode Island is showing the region, and frankly the country, how this is supposed to be done.

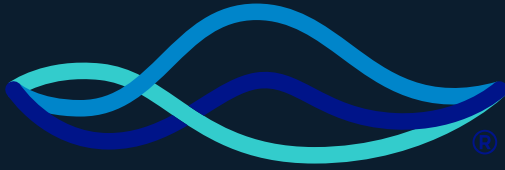
If you care about clean energy, you have to care about who builds it, who maintains it, and whether those workers can afford to live in the communities they are powering. Rhode Island Clean Energy Week is where that conversation happens out loud, in public, with the people who actually do the work.

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## NEWS CORNER

### Greg Cornett and Rhode Island Energy Take the RICEW Stage



Rhode Island Energy joins Clean Energy Week 2026 as a Megawatt level partner, and President Greg Cornett will be on the main stage at the Opening Kickoff on Monday, May 4 at 10:30 AM. From the Empowering Communities grant program funded by PPL Corporation shareowners, to a paid employee volunteer program across more than 1,300 Rhode Island based staff, Rhode Island Energy continues to show up for the neighborhoods it serves.

[rienergy.com](http://rienergy.com)

### Chris Kearns and OER Anchor the State Energy Agenda



Acting Commissioner Christopher Kearns and the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources will be featured throughout Rhode Island Clean Energy Week, from the Opening Kickoff to the Schools, Farms, and Ports panel on Thursday, May 7. OER has already upgraded 31 schools with LED lighting with 27 more on the way, and the Agricultural Energy Grant Program has put \$160,000 into eight local farms.

[energy.ri.gov](http://energy.ri.gov)

### Secretary Stefan Pryor Brings the Economic Case to RICEW



Clean energy is an economic development story as much as an environmental one, and Rhode Island Commerce has been working quietly behind the scenes to connect developers, startups, and site selectors with the programs that make projects pencil. Secretary Stefan Pryor will be on stage at the Opening Kickoff, helping frame why Rhode Island is becoming one of the most compelling places in the country to build a clean energy company.

[commerceri.com](http://commerceri.com)

### Climate Jobs Rhode Island Leads the Workforce Conversation



The Is Rhode Island's Clean Energy Workforce Ready for 2033 panel runs on Thursday, May 7 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, and Climate Jobs Rhode Island will be at the center of that conversation. With 14,511 clean energy jobs in the state today and a 100 percent by 2033 target on the horizon, the question of whether our training pipelines can keep up is not academic. It is the whole ballgame, and this is the room where the answers get worked out.

[climatejobsri.org](http://climatejobsri.org)

*"RHODE ISLAND MAY BE THE SMALLEST STATE IN THE NATION, BUT IT GENERATES MORE OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY PER SQUARE MILE THAN ANYONE. I GUESS SIZE MATTERS LESS THAN YOU THINK AFTER ALL."*

**– KRISTIN RODE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NREC**