

Green School Works Request for Information (RFI)

Responses Welcome: Responses will be accepted through August 13th, however, to have the most impact on program design **please submit responses by August 1st**.

Goal of RFI

This request for information seeks to gauge interest and insight from K-12 school building decarbonization stakeholders on the design of the Green School Works Program. The Green School Works Program will provide financial support to K-12 public schools or districts in Massachusetts to install or maintain clean energy infrastructure.

Intended Respondents

MassCEC welcomes responses from all stakeholders. In particular, we hope to gather perspectives from technical experts (e.g. electrification and decarbonization assessment and planning technical assistance service providers), electrification and decarbonization implementers, general and specialized contractors, parents or guardians of K-12 public school students, school decarbonization advocates, K-12 school professionals and administrators, and experts on tax credits for public entities. Respondents are welcome to answer all questions or only a portion of them. At the end of the RFI, there is space to indicate whether you would be interested in participating in a follow-up conversation with MassCEC staff. Thank you for your time and insights!

Public Records Law

As a public entity, MassCEC is subject to Massachusetts's Public Records Law, codified at Chapter 66 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Thus, any responses, documentary material, data, or other information received by MassCEC from any person or entity responding to this RFI is a public record subject to disclosure. Those who elect to submit a response to this RFI are responsible for considering the nature of information they submit and shall not send MassCEC any confidential or sensitive information.

How to Respond

Stakeholders have two options for responding to this RFI:

- Through submission of the online form; or
- By downloading and emailing a completed version of this PDF document (located on the Green

Respondent Information

Name of Organization (if applicable)

Contact Name *

First Name

Last Name

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Title

Email Address *

example@example.com

Phone Number *

Please enter a valid phone number.

Address

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

Please select the option that best describes yourself or your organization. *

- K-12 school professional or administrator
- Municipal officials
- Parent/Guardian of K-12 student
- School decarbonization advocate
- Electrification or decarbonization planning and technical assistance service provider
- Electrification or decarbonization implementer
- General or specialized building contractor
- Tax credit expert
- Other

Please describe your interest in, or connection to this topic.

RFI Questions

Are planning technical assistance and loan funding, in combination with other funding sources such as municipal funds, utility rebates, etc., sufficient for a typical school electrification or decarbonization project to proceed? If not, what else would be required? (Examples of “typical school decarbonization projects” may include air sealing and energy efficiency measures, window or roof replacement, installation of rooftop solar and battery storage, and upgrading fossil-fuel HVAC systems with heat pump technology, among others).

Are the broad categories of funding described in the Green School Works draft program concept (portfolio planning, project planning, and implementation) the correct categories? If not, what would you recommend?

Are there any critical pieces or considerations that are missing from the draft program concepts?

Do you have feedback on the proposed eligibility and/or selection criteria?

Please only respond to the following questions if you are a school district administrator or professional:

Does your school or district currently have any planned energy efficiency upgrades, or electrification/decarbonization projects ready for implementation? If yes, please share the estimated total cost of the project(s) and a brief description of the project scope(s).

Does your organization have interest or past experience in pursuing direct pay tax credits, for example the Inflation Reduction Act's Energy Investment Tax Credit for solar or geothermal heat pump projects?

What is your current level of staffing capacity for resource conservation, energy management, facilities, sustainability planning, and/or capital planning?

If your school or district is already planning for or implementing electrification and/or decarbonization projects, do you have someone acting as a "champion", aka someone coordinating efforts, focusing attention on and building enthusiasm for the work? If so, how was that person identified or chosen, and what is their job title (if applicable)?

If your school or district is already planning for, or implementing electrification and/or decarbonization projects, are you anticipating funding from the Green School Works program to accomplish that work, or do you have other mechanisms or funding sources available to ensure work is completed? If so, what are those mechanisms or funding sources?

Mass Save requires schools or districts receiving planning technical assistance to provide a match of 50% or more of the cost of that technical assistance. Would your school or district be open to providing that match or would that be a barrier to participation in MassSave technical assistance?

Open to all respondents:

Please share any additional feedback on the Green School Works draft program concept or any other general comments on electrification and decarbonization of existing K-12 schools that you may have.

Would you be willing to be contacted by MassCEC staff to set up a follow up conversation? *

Yes

No