

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is a public benefit corporation created in 1975 by the New York State Legislature.

NYSERDA administers the **New York Energy \$martSM** program, including over 40 programs funded by a System Benefits Charge (SBC) paid by electric distribution customers of the State's investor-owned utilities. The **New York Energy \$martSM** program provides energy efficiency services across the residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial sectors as the State's electric utilities move to competition. NYSERDA is responsible for the development and implementation of the Guidelines for Governor George E. Pataki's 2001 Executive Order No. 111, "*Green and Clean*" *State Buildings and Vehicles*, and has provided key assistance in the development of the Green Building Tax Credit. NYSERDA also promotes research and development, and environmental protection activities.

The **New York Energy \$martSM** New Construction and Green Buildings Program offers developers, architects, engineers, and other design team members cost-shared technical assistance and financial incentives to optimize performance of new buildings and buildings undergoing major renovations. Green building projects are eligible for additional cost-shared technical assistance services to meet the requirements of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEEDTM), Executive Order No.111, and the New York State Green Building Tax Credit. The program incorporates commissioning as a requirement for all new construction projects receiving more than \$100,000 in design and technical assistance incentives. NYSERDA provides cost-shared initiatives, up to \$50,000, for the commissioning of qualified, new construction projects.

NYSERDA funds the Retro-commissioning (RCx) Initiative to increase demand for RCx services in existing commercial buildings, and provide technical training for service providers. By offering financial assistance for the development of qualified RCx scopes of work, this initiative helps build relationships between providers and owners, and has increased the number of qualified commissioning projects receiving cost-shared assistance through NYSERDA's FlexTech and Technical Assistance programs. Pilot projects are underway to evaluate standardized commissioning guidelines, and other innovative tools used in the building performance marketplace.

NYSERDA's ability to implement a multi-faceted program design has significantly improved the acceptance and use of commissioning and retro-commissioning services for building owners and service providers across the Empire State. For more information, please visit: <http://www.nyserda.org>, or call toll free: 1-866-NYSERDA.