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Dear Town Supervisor Countryman,

Today, Governor Hochul [announced historic awards](#) for New York’s sixth annual solicitation of large-scale renewable energy, further cementing the State’s leadership in combatting climate change and growing the clean energy economy.

Importantly, today’s announcement represents the first set of actions taken by the State as part of New York’s 10-point Action Plan, recently announced by Governor Hochul and offering insight into how the Governor’s Administration plans to overcome recent macroeconomic and inflationary challenges that have impacted the renewable energy sector. The procurement resulted in awards to 22 large-scale solar energy projects, totaling more than 2,410 megawatts - enough to power over 560,000 New York homes once completed, representing the State’s largest land-based award group to date.

These renewable energy awards are expected to:

- Spur over \$4 billion in direct investments, including \$108 million committed to benefits in disadvantaged communities.
- Create over 4,100 good-paying jobs across the state under prevailing wage.
- Generate approximately 5.2 million megawatt hours of renewable energy; and
- Reduce carbon emissions by more than two million metric tons annually, the equivalent to taking over 440,000 cars off the road every year.

These awards validate the market value that New York’s predictable pace of renewable energy solicitations brings to attract and incentivize continued development and investment in clean energy projects across the state. The average statewide bill impact for the typical residential customer resulting from this award group will be approximately \$0.32 per month once the projects are in operation.

NYSERDA will also continue to work with these selected developers, other State agencies, and stakeholders to ensure that the State can achieve its clean energy goals while protecting lands of agricultural importance, a trend that NYSERDA is already observing from more recently developed solar projects that are being designed with a nearly 50 percent reduction in impacts to the state’s most productive agricultural lands. NYSERDA intends to continue advancing these priorities with new components of the forthcoming 2023 large-scale renewable solicitation expected to be released in late 2023, which will be advised by New York’s Agricultural Technical Working Group and Farmland Protection Working Group recommendations.

NYSERDA will continue to be a resource for you and your constituents throughout the process to develop New York’s renewable energy projects. We look forward to continuing our work together to make the renewable energy industry a success in New York State.

Sincerely,

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