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NECEC Institute needs your support to grow our highly successful initiatives transforming the Northeast into a world-class clean energy economy accelerating solutions to tackle climate change and catalyze economic growth.

Scientists and leading climate research institutions have sounded the alarm that a rapid and robust clean energy transition needs to occur now to avoid the worst effects of climate change. To accomplish this, NECEC is expanding our efforts in policy and advocacy, innovation programs, corporate partnerships, and communication and media. Your contribution will enable us to launch new initiatives in clean transportation, offshore wind, and university research partnerships.

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Innovation Programs and Networks

NECEC Institute has a long heritage of developing programs that help make the Northeast one of the best places in the world to start cleantech ventures. We do this by helping cleantech startups accelerate, connecting early-stage entrepreneurs to the wealth of connections and resources across the region, and engaging global energy corporations as innovation partners and drivers of clean energy solutions.



- **Cleantech Open Northeast:** NECEC Institute runs the Northeast program of Cleantech Open, an annual regional accelerator that attracts some of the most promising cleantech startups and provides them with education, connections, mentoring, and guidance. Nearly 60 companies applied to participate in the accelerator in 2018, with 30 teams ultimately graduating and accelerating the launch of their cleantech startups. Cleantech Open Northeast is a proven part of the region's cleantech innovation ecosystem and can benefit even more companies with your support.
- **Cleantech Navigate Northeast:** Cleantech Navigate Northeast works to provide cleantech startups with curated connections to mentors, experts, leading-edge customers, corporate partners, investors, and test sites. Navigate accelerates commercialization milestones and helps early-stage companies form relationships with leading investors, corporates, and customers across NECEC's seven-state region. With your support, Cleantech Navigate Northeast can better leverage resources to foster these critical connections and grow the cleantech innovation ecosystem.



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Policy Planning and Strategic Communications

Core to NECEC's regional development efforts are NECEC Institute's policy and regulatory planning, analysis, and education activities. Donors to NECEC Institute enable NECEC to be a leader in developing and sharing insights on the policy and programmatic approaches that are advancing New England and New York's clean energy sectors. NECEC Institute's efforts are contributing significantly to advancement of policies for:

- **Distributed Energy Resources** (efficiency, demand response, clean distributed generation, storage, microgrids and other advanced technologies), including updated DER incentives and compensation, and support for new DER technologies and business models for aggregated and community scale
- **Grid-Scale Renewables**, including expanding and defending Renewable Portfolio Standards and competitive procurements for long-term contracts, with particular focus on scaling the offshore wind market in the Northeast
- **21st Century Electricity System** transformation and grid modernization, including distribution system planning, advanced metering, rate design and outcomes based performance regulation
- **Clean Transportation**, including development of a regional version of RGGI for transportation (cap and invest) and accelerated transition to zero emission vehicles and innovative, regional, clean transportation systems

NECEC Institute also utilizes donor support to enable our related Strategic Communications efforts which translate policy and business perspectives into NECEC's educational events, stakeholder convenings, and publications. NECEC convenes stakeholders who come together to drive changes in clean energy markets, policy and rate structures, and business models to enable clean energy resources to scale and provide energy, economic, and environmental value across the Northeast.

Academic Research Partnerships

The Northeast's success as a clean energy leader has created a compelling need to research and document lessons learned and analyze future approaches to clean energy policy, regulatory reforms, partnership models, innovation acceleration, and market development. NECEC is forming new academic research partnerships to tackle this important need. In 2018, we undertook a pilot-scale research partnership with Boston University's Institute for Sustainable Energy (BU-ISE), while also engaging a volunteer team of experienced Harvard Business School alumni to develop a strategic plan for scaling a multi-university initiative. NECEC is seeking funding to expand this effort with several university partners conducting collaborative research on key obstacles and opportunities to scale new clean economy sectors such as clean transportation, offshore wind, distributed energy, and other sectors.