



**Northeast Clean Energy Council (NECEC) | Boston, MA (but operating throughout Rhode Island) | \$62,000** NECEC is a regional clean energy non-profit organization established in 2006 focusing on the US Northeast (New England and New York), with a mission to create a world-class clean energy hub delivering global impact with economic, energy and environmental solutions. With this funding, NECEC will expand existing activities in Rhode Island to 1) establish a presence at the CIC Venture Café and the Sheffield School to identify and engage cleantech startups throughout the state; 2) provide technical assistance through the Cleantech Open which helps companies reach entrepreneurial milestones more quickly; 3) connect cleantech startups to a wide network of investors, customers and partners across the Northeast Region through Cleantech Navigate; and 4) hold a one-day Cleantech Innovation Summit focused on Power Sector Transformation to promote the strong marine expertise of the RI ecosystem.

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