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2025 Climate Strategy – Progress Update

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June 2023

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) & 2025 Climate Strategy Planning Timeline

2023				2024				2025				2026			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4

EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

- Priority Climate Action Plan (2023 Q2-Q4)
- Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (2025 Strategy) (2024 Q2-Q4)
- Implement and measure (2026 Q1-Q4)
- Status Report (Due October 2027) (2026 Q4)

2025 Climate Strategy

- RFP Development (2023 Q2-Q3): Request for Information May 18th, Listening Session May 25th
- Issue RFP in October (2023 Q4)
- Review Proposals in Nov/Dec (2023 Q4)
- Select Contractor (2024 Q1)
- Project Kick-Off (2024 Q2)
- Plan Development (2024 Q3-Q4): GHG modeling and projections, Establish additional GHG targets and actions
- Workforce Planning (2024 Q1-Q4)
- Environmental Justice and community outreach (2024 Q1-Q4)
- Climate Strategy Complete (2025 Q4)

Other Activities

- Promulgate Advanced Clean Cars II regulations (2023 Q2-Q3)
- GHG Inventory (2023 Q3, 2024 Q3, 2025 Q3, 2026 Q4)
- Develop Climate Emissions Dashboard (2024 Q1-Q2)
- Update Dashboard (2025 Q3-Q4)

- ✓ RFP Project Team
- ✓ RFI Drafted & Released
- ✓ RFI Listening Session
- ✓ STAB & Advisory Board Feedback

RFI - Scope of Request

What does the EC4 need to consider as it begins developing a robust Request for Proposals(RFP) to identify a vendor which will assist with the development of the 2025 Climate Action Strategy?

1. Public Engagement

- a. Public participation with communities, businesses, and other stakeholders
- b. Interagency and intergovernmental coordination

2. Scenario Building and Projections

- a. Greenhouse gas emissions reduction projections under various scenarios (including business as usual and full implementation scenarios)
- b. Estimation of greenhouse gas reductions from specific actions and policy measures

3. Analyses

- a. Benefits analysis
- b. Low-income disadvantaged communities analysis
- c. Workforce planning analysis including just transition principles
- d. Macroeconomic/health benefits analysis
- e. Policy analysis

4. Preparation of the Final Report (and associated deliverables)

What We Heard?

24 Responses to RFI (SmartComment Portal) & 40+ participants in 5/25 Listening Session

How the EC4 undertakes engagement & communication matters

Direct involvement of community groups

Carbon sequestration & land use

Equity & environmental justice

Food, fish, cultural resources, etc.

Modeling matters!

Community benefits

Infrastructure needs & funding critical investments

Non-technical, plain language outputs

Focus on action; Implement priority items from '2022 Update'

All responses submitted via SmartComment will be posted under the "Act on Climate" tab at <https://climatechange.ri.gov/> in the next few days.

Looking Ahead

- RFI responses will be posted to the “Act on Climate’ tab at <https://climatechange.ri.gov/> in the next few days
- Drafting the RFP for the 2025 Climate Action Strategy will continue in July/August
- EC4 Advisory Board & STAB feedback in late August
- Complete a draft of RFP in September
- Formal release of RFP in late October

