CERTs: Helping Minnesotans Build Clean Energy

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MISSION
We connect individuals and their communities to the resources they need to identify and implement community-based clean energy projects.
How does CERTs help?

**Hands-on assistance**
For cities, counties, utilities, farmers, businesses, and other organizations looking to make a change

**Practical steps to clean energy**
Resources for getting started, moving forward, and completing projects

**Learning opportunities**
We host events, create resources, and highlight clean energy stories and jobs
Support on clean energy in Greater MN

Farmers and small businesses can get assistance with:

- Solar site assessments
- Support with financing like PACE and grants like USDA REAP
- Available utility incentives
- Guidance on federal tax credit, depreciation
Catalyzing projects with CERTs Seed Grants

- Awarded over $1.3 million to 393 energy projects since 2006
- Pays for labor costs
- Must have a community component
- 6 projects awarded in the Central Region this round
Resources for cities, counties, and schools

- Energy benchmarking and audits for public buildings
- Step-by-step guidance for going solar
- Hands-on assistance
- Financing options
Taking action with proven best practices

Minnesota GreenStep is an action-oriented voluntary program offering Cities and Tribal Nations a cost-effective, step-wise path to implement sustainable development best practices.
The CERTs website is full of resources!

CleanEnergyResourceTeams.org
How can CERTs help you build clean energy?

Visit CleanEnergyResourceTeams.org or connect with CERTs staff!

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