



## Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns PRESS RELEASE

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### League Announces New Energy Saving Solutions for Municipalities

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#### ***League selects new vendors and offers additional cost saving measures for its Energy Aggregation Program***

Providence, R.I. – The Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns announced the selection of new electricity suppliers and expansion of benefits for their RI Energy Aggregation Program (REAP) recently. The League has reached an agreement with energy suppliers Constellation New Energy and PowerOptions. The new partnership will ensure League members receive highly competitive pricing for electricity, while providing these municipalities with new services and enhanced customer support.

REAP has served as the electricity aggregator to League members for 20 years. The program uses the collective purchasing power of Rhode Island municipalities to negotiate lower electric rates and provide budget stability. Currently, 29 cities and towns use the REAP program to purchase their electricity. As the energy landscape changes, leaders of the state's cities and towns are looking to increase their energy efficiency efforts. The League's new partnership with Constellation and PowerOptions will allow members to select a lower cost energy supplier, manage their energy use, access expertise for energy procurement or choose green energy. The membership will give cities and towns access to PowerOptions' experts and advisors on energy procurement services, in addition to negotiated rates from Constellation.

"For 20 years, the League has used its collective buying power to maximize energy savings for its members," said Brian Daniels, Executive Director of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns. "As municipalities look to make energy efficiency upgrades and add renewable energy to their portfolio, we want to offer them the expertise of industry professionals to help maximize their savings."

Constellation New Energy is one of the leading competitive energy companies providing power, natural gas, renewables and energy management services. PowerOptions is a nonprofit consortium that provides energy purchasing, advisory and support services to New England nonprofit and public-sector members.

"We look forward to working with PowerOptions and the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns in supporting their mission to help their members better manage their energy use and costs," said Mark Huston, president of Constellation's national retail energy business. "League members can rely on Constellation as the nation's leading competitive energy company to

provide a wide range of energy products and services, competitive pricing, favorable contract terms and an effortless customer experience.”

“We are thrilled to serve the members of REAP and welcome them to PowerOptions. Our mission is to save our members money so they will have more resources to put toward their services and operations. Our group of more than 400 nonprofits and public entities gives us leverage in the market to negotiate extremely favorable supply arrangements for both electricity and solar,” said PowerOptions President and CEO Cynthia A. Arcate. “More than that, PowerOptions will provide the cities and towns of Rhode Island with an experienced energy team to help them address all of their energy needs.”

“We are enthusiastic about this new partnership and the services and support it will provide our members,” Daniels added.

*Founded in 1968, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns is a municipal membership organization that serves as the unified voice of local government in Rhode Island. Learn more at [www.RILeague.org](http://www.RILeague.org).*

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