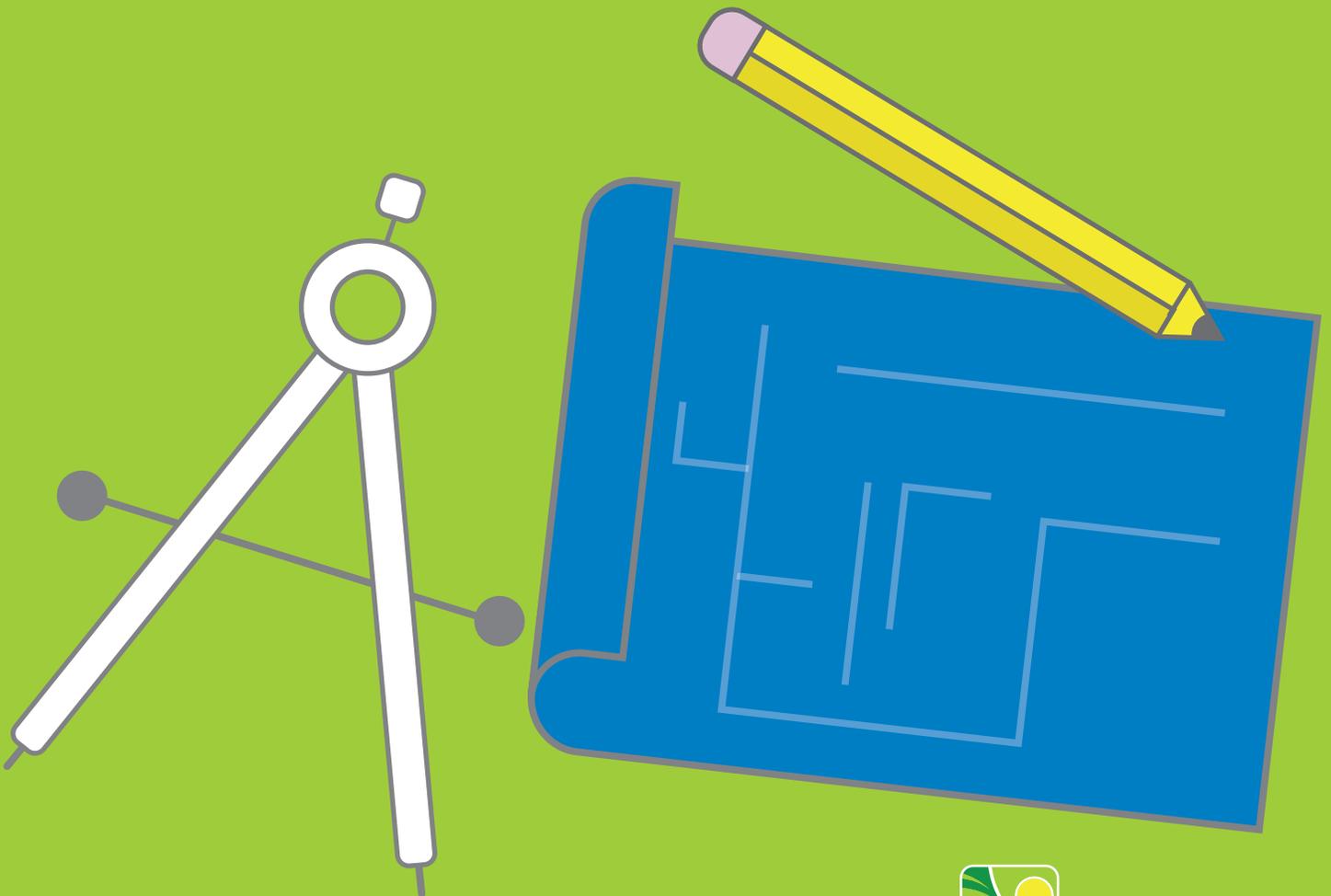


*NCSEA's 2017 Clean Energy CLE:  
An Introduction to*

# North Carolina Renewable Energy Project Development

February 8, 2017 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | City Club, Raleigh, NC



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## CLE Goal

This program will explore the multiple considerations involved in a renewable energy project. Workshop attendees will leave with an understanding of issues such as site control, permitting, contracting to sell the project's output, the financing arrangements of the project, and the steps of project interconnection to the electric grid. Many of these considerations are legal in nature. This day-long continuing legal education program (CLE) will focus on the mechanics of renewable energy for attorneys and business professionals.

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"I thought the presentation was very helpful and on point. The location, food, and logistics were excellent."

"Great workshop - timely and substantive."

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# CLE Agenda

9:00 – 9:15 A.M.	<b>Welcome &amp; Program Introduction</b>
9:15 – 10:15 A.M.	<b>Project Siting &amp; Permitting: What are the Key Considerations?</b> This panel will review project siting and permitting considerations for all renewable energy resources. Panelists will explore land aggregation, wetlands, interconnection upgrade cost considerations, fuel feedstock availability and transportation, air permits, local land use permits and ordinances, and NC Department of Environmental Quality Environmental Clearinghouse review.
10:15 – 10:30 A.M.	<b>Break</b>
10:30 – 11:30 A.M.	<b>Federal &amp; State Regulatory Filings &amp; Proceedings</b> This panel will discuss the federal and state regulatory filings and proceedings associated with a project. These include project-related filings made at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the NC Utilities Commission (NCUC), and the NC Department of Environment Quality (DEQ). Specific topics include the FERC Form 556, Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity, Reports of Proposed Construction, and the NC Renewable Energy Tracking System (NC-RETS) registration filings.
11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	<b>Project Related Federal &amp; State Tax Considerations</b> This panel will review major project-related federal and state tax considerations such as federal and state tax credits, private letter rulings, tax equity, property tax exemptions, and income tax implications of net-metering vs. value of solar tariff (VOST) billing.
12:30 – 1:30 P.M.	<b>Lunch</b>
1:40 – 2:40 P.M.	<b>Lessons From the Bench</b> This panel will provide attendees with an understanding of the nuances of renewable energy rulemaking at the NC Utilities Commission with former and current Commissioners.
2:40 – 3:40 P.M.	<b>Power Purchase Agreements, Renewable Energy Credits &amp; Other Finance Considerations</b> This panel will explore power purchase agreements (PPAs), renewable energy certificate (RECs) purchases and sales, and other project finance-related considerations. In particular, the panelists will discuss the “standard offer” PPA, the negotiation of PPA rates, terms, and conditions, the negotiation of REC purchase and sale agreements, development of utility-owned or rate-based projects, and net-metering.
3:40 – 3:55 P.M.	<b>Break</b>
3:55 – 4:55 P.M.	<b>Interconnection of the Project to the Grid</b> This panel will outline all of the issues on tying a project into the electric grid (termed interconnection). Discussion will include considerations related to North Carolina’s current interconnection rules and how these rules may change. Other issues include the interconnection costs and the queue of projects “in line”.
4:55 – 5:00 P.M.	<b>Wrap Up and Conclusion</b>
5:00 – 7:00 P.M.	<b>Networking Reception</b>

