



**Twenty First Annual  
Symposium on Energy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
April 4, 2025**

*After an extremely successful Symposium this year, and after the release below from the Comptroller, and with the encouragement of our attendees and sponsors, Energy21 will once again bring to Central New York the award winning event which has been acclaimed throughout the state as the most important policy and renewable energy update event!*



From the office of Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli:

*"Climate change is impacting all aspects of life across the globe. Critical discussions about how to transition to more renewable energy sources and a low carbon economy must happen at all levels of government in collaboration with stakeholders," said New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. "The Annual Symposium on Energy in the 21st Century is a critical forum that brings together scientists, climate activists and policy makers for these discussions. I strongly support the continuance of the symposium, the work of Dr. Rhea Jezer and the positive, important results it generates. By working together, we'll find solutions to mitigate the impacts of climate change and position NY for the future."*

Why is this Symposium so powerful? Because we work all year with NREL (National Research Environmental Labs in Colorado) to present the most cutting edge information on renewable energy sources being tested, and we work with NRDC (National Resources Defense Council) on the most up to date legislative and legal information, and with NYSERDA and US Department of Energy on finding financial incentives being offered to states, corporations and individuals. This information has become a vital source for our state and local government, for corporations and sustainability officers throughout the state, as well as for individuals.

A very important component of Energy21 is education throughout the year to students as well as adults. More than twelve colleges send faculty and students, and at least one college class incorporates the Symposium in its curriculum. A wonderful addition to the is the award presented

to high school students throughout the state for the best renewable energy project in the Science Fair. The awards which have been presented to these talented students have literally changed their lives! We hold “Informationals” on zoom all year, bringing in experts on particular issues.



The attendees range from 15 to 95, and mingling is encouraged.

*"I can't say enough about the day and the experiences it held for my students. Simply extraordinary. Being in the same room with the great minds you gathered was inspiring. Thank you for making us feel most welcome and acknowledging what I believe, that young people carry the creative spirit and keys to helping us move our energy and other challenges forward. Sue Foster, Science Department Chair, Manlius Pebble Hill School, DeWitt*



*"I have to commend you for creating this growing annual event and giving a powerful platform for professionals and students to come together and spend quality time sharing ideas. The topics had the right balance to reach a wide set of audience and the flow between different topics was perfect. There are very few conferences that really feel open to students and yet keeps the focus very much on the hot topics of the energy industry. I also appreciate the details and the level of effort that went into planning and organization." Arunkumar (Arun) Vedhathiri, Solution Delivery, New Energy Solutions Manager, U.S. Senate Relations*



The speakers are the most cutting edge in the country, like the President of AMTRAK, International President of Niagara Mohawk, District Manager of Region 4 United Steel Workers and Director of NREL. Every NYSERDA President has spoken at least once, as well as every DEC Commissioner and other statewide Commissioners as well as Union leaders and Presidents of major environmental organizations.

Always important in the discussion is “working together”, Corporate, Labor, Environmentalists & Government This Symposium has created ongoing dialogue and cooperation between all facets of our community.

Some glimpses of past Symposium.





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**a division of Energy21**  
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