

Welcome to our new Chief Operating Officer: Bill Siddall

Greetings,

Spring is here and NextEnergy is growing! I am excited to share with you that Bill Siddall has joined the team as our Chief Operating Officer. Bill has led groups in private companies in the areas of manufacturing, engineering, product development, as well as planning and business development and sales. Bill is also NextEnergy alumni- he was the Director of Microgrid Projects ten years ago. He holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan. Bill has traveled the world as a naval officer, but was raised in West Michigan and is happy to make Michigan his home.



Jim Saber
President & CEO

Please check out [a short Q&A](#) with Bill on what he is most looking forward to in his new role and what he sees as the most interesting developments he is seeing today as we move forward in achieving our clean energy future.

I am also excited to share some news about [Adastec](#), an autonomous vehicle technology company that leveraged the [Michigan Mobility Funding Platform](#) to develop and deploy their [technology](#) on the campus of Michigan State University. This month, Adastec moved their corporate headquarters to the [SPARK Innovation Center](#) in Ann Arbor, Michigan!

Later this month, I am looking forward to discussing the outcomes of our EV battery 2nd use and recycling research with [Danielle Spalding](#) of [Battery Solutions](#) at the [EV Battery Recycling & Reuse USA 2022 event](#).

As always, please stay tuned for updates on our work and activities via our website, social media platforms, and as always please feel free to connect with our team.

- Jim

Viewpoints

Welcome Bill!

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Your background spans different areas of business. Why have you come back to NextEnergy?

I have an operations mindset and enjoy developing technology that improves the quality of life for all of us. While I have lead the design of technology energy and mobility, I have found I enjoy understanding the user experience and working on teams that launch new technology in a way that is useful to people. NextEnergy's mission is exactly that, and I am excited to be able to advance that mission.

[Read more.](#)

What We're Reading

We've asked the NextEnergy team to share the industry-related news, stories and information that have grabbed their attention this month. We hope you find it useful! [For more recommendations, you can explore past editions on our website.](#)



Lauren Mattar, Technical Program Manager

What she's reading: [Open Mobility Foundation Develops Data Standards for Curbs](#)

Media: Government Technology

What makes it interesting: The Open Mobility Foundation worked with a group of stakeholders to develop a common specification for digital curb management systems. Having a common specification will allow key players in curb management to be aligned and work together more efficiently on future solutions.

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News & Events

Spring 2022 Open Call

ProspectSV is excited to announce our Spring 2022 Open Call for sustainable transportation and energy startups.



This Open Call is made possible with the support of our sponsors Ford, Marubeni, EDF, and others, and gives you the opportunity to build new relationships and investment. If you are a startup with technology in the energy or sustainability sectors, we're looking for you!

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PlugVolt Battery Seminar 2022- July 12-14, 2022

This event will feature an entire day of in-depth technical tutorials presented by world-renowned professors from Top 50 US universities on Day 1, followed by Days 2 and 3 with industry subject matter experts presenting on Automotive and Stationary Storage applications respectively. Attendees will also get an exclusive opportunity to tour INTERTEK Battery Testing Center of Excellence in Plymouth, MI (USA).

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Funding Opportunities

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Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

The U.S. Department of Transportation has published a Notice of Funding Opportunity

(NOFO) for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program. RAISE discretionary grants,

which were originally created under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as TIGER grants, can be used for a wide variety of projects.

EGLE recycling grant opportunities for 2022

A total of \$15 million is currently available for recycling grant projects in fiscal year 2022. These grants, enabled by the Renew Michigan Fund, are an important mechanism for achieving EGLE's priorities of equitable and inclusive support to all Michigan communities and businesses, and the grants support Governor Gretchen Whitmer's climate change priorities through measurable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Michigan Mobility Funding Platform

The Michigan Mobility Funding Platform provides grants to mobility and electrification companies looking to deploy their technology solutions in Michigan. [Learn more and apply.](#)

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