

An aerial photograph of the New York City skyline at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and purple. The city is densely packed with skyscrapers, many of which have their lights on. The Empire State Building is prominent on the right side of the image.

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The Building Energy Exchange (BE-Ex) founded the Women in Sustainability and Energy (WISE) Series in 2015. WISE showcases inspirational women leaders who are accelerating the sustainability and energy efficiency of our buildings and our cities.

This series brings together women from a diversity of fields to discuss cutting-edge policies, technologies, and programs. It provides a networking forum and framework for year-round dialogue. WISE is a platform for men and women to learn from experienced leaders and to work toward advancing equity in the workplace.

In just four years, WISE has produced 18 sold out events, featuring over 35 women professionals, attracting nearly 1,000 attendees, and engaging many more through social media.

This network lunch is the first event of its kind at BE-Ex, and we hope you will enjoy being here as much as we have enjoyed planning it. Thank you for joining us, and please continue this conversation with your colleagues, friends, and family.

- The BE-Ex Team

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Ali Adler

**Director of Partnerships
Sealed**

Sealed guarantees, insures, and finances residential EE savings. In her role, Ali has a unique vantage point to understand diverse stakeholders in the residential energy industry. She has executed partnerships with National Grid, Con Edison, Orange and Rockland Utilities, and Central Hudson Utilities.



Caroline Angoorly

**Chief Operating Officer
New York Green Bank**

Geologist turns lawyer, loves energy and resources project finance, gets MBA, moves to business side and NYC. Enel Green Power, NRG Energy, JP Morgan and GreenTao - energy roles with growing renewables and sustainable infra focus. Happily, founding COO of NY Green Bank - \$522.3M invested so far.



In Cho

**Co-Founder & Principal
ChoShields Studio**

In Cho is the co-founder and principal of ChoShields Studio, a Certified Passive House architecture and design firm. In has over 20 years of experience in the field, and is dedicated to socially and environmentally responsible architecture. In also delivers educational presentations and lectures locally and internationally.



Jennifer Coghlan

**Principal
Sive, Paget & Riesel**

Jennifer is a principal at Sive, Paget & Riesel, P.C., which specializes in environmental and land use law. Jennifer's practice is focused on site remediation and development, including environmental impact review and permitting.



Emily Dean

Director of Market Development NYSERDA

Emily develops and oversees strategies to scale EE solutions across residential, multifamily, and local government sectors and to grow NY State's clean energy workforce. Prior, Emily served as Deputy Assistant Commissioner for NYC DCAS Energy Management where she reduced GHG emissions in the City's buildings.



Rachel Finkelstein

Senior Policy Advisor NYC Mayor's Office

As part of the external affairs team, Rachel Finkelstein leads City agency, elected official, and community outreach to advance the City's public messages on climate action, as well as engagement efforts on the OneNYC 2019 update.



Kristen Graf

Executive Director WRISE

Graf is the Executive Director of Women of Renewable Industries and Sustainable Energy (WRISE), a national nonprofit with a mission to promote the education, professional development, and advancement of women to achieve a strong diversified workforce and support a robust renewable energy economy.



Donna Hope

President UHope-Consulting, LLC

UHope-Consulting specializes in diversity, equity, and inclusion in environmental fields. In 2018, Donna was awarded "Top Woman in Conservation & Environmental Justice" by EcoDiversity Magazine. Donna has a B.S. from Spelman College, and a B.S. and M.S. from RPI in civil and environmental engineering, respectively.



Lolita Jackson

Special Advisor, Climate Policy & Programs NYC Mayor's Office

Lolita Jackson is Special Advisor, Climate Policy and Programs in the NYC Mayor's Office. She leads engagement and diplomacy efforts with foreign and domestic governments, the UN and climate networks such as C40 and 100 Resilient Cities on behalf of the NYC Mayor's Office.



Jennifer Kearney

Founder Gotham 360

Gotham 360 is a full service Energy Management consultancy focusing on procurement, efficiency, sustainability, and resiliency. As a female entrepreneur in a male dominated industry, she has spearheaded the development of new opportunities for up and coming young women across all sectors of the industry.



Vicki Kuo

Director of Energy Efficiency Con Edison

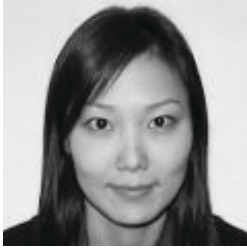
Vicki Kuo leads the team responsible for delivering energy-savings solutions that help customers manage their energy use and promote cleaner and greener NY Communities. During her career at Con Edison, Vicki has held positions in engineering, strategic planning, electric operations, and information technology.



Susan Leeds

Co-CEO NYCEEC

NYCEEC is a mission-focused finance company that provides loans for energy efficiency and clean energy projects in buildings that save energy and reduce greenhouse gases. Under Susan's leadership, NYCEEC has financed over \$142 million of clean energy projects since launching in 2011.



Karen Oh
Director of Energy Solutions
Vornado Realty Trust

Karen Oh is the Director of Energy Solutions for Vornado Realty Trust and manages energy efficiency strategy for Vornado's NYC and San Francisco properties. Prior to joining Vornado, Karen worked for Con Edison. Karen has a degree in Chemical Engineering from Cooper Union.



Ozgem Ornektekin
President
KO2 Consulting

KO2 Consulting provides strategic sustainability and energy planning, implementation, and management services. Previously, Ozgem served as DCAS Deputy Commissioner of Energy Management, Director of NYU's Office of Sustainability, and Director of Sustainability for the NYC Department of Education.



Laurie Schoeman
National Program Director
Enterprise Community Partners

Laurie oversees Enterprise's national efforts to develop and strengthen climate-resilient communities. Her focus on multifamily housing has made Enterprise a leading voice on protecting low-income communities. Prior, Laurie developed San Francisco's off-grid Environmental Center at Heron's Head Park.



Sukanya Paciorek

Sukanya Paciorek was most recently the Chief Operating Officer at the Brooklyn Navy Yard and previously responsible for corporate sustainability as SVP at Vornado Realty Trust. She has a master's degree from Columbia University in International Energy Management and Policy, and an undergraduate degree from Ohio State University in International Relations.



Sasha Stashwick

Senior Advocate, Climate & Clean Energy Natural Resources Defense Council

Sasha leads NRDC's effort to reform biomass electricity policies in the EU. She has broad experience in advocacy, campaigns, and media engagement. Prior to NRDC, Sasha worked as an analyst at Goldman Sachs. She holds a BA from Georgetown and a dual MPA from the London School of Economics and Sciences Po.

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