

## State-Funded Lodging

### **Covered Services:**

Any overnight accommodation that is paid for by the State for official state business. This includes in-state, out-of-state, and international travel.

*Please note that this specification does not permit travelers to be reimbursed for expenses that exceed allowable rates.*

### **Goal:**

To support businesses that offer lodging options that minimize their environmental impact and have high levels of environmental performance in accordance with the third party certification programs below.

### **Standard Setting and Certification Programs:**

**New York Environmental Leaders Program** – the New York Environmental Leaders Program (NYEL) is a green business program administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) that strives to incentivize high levels of environmental performance by providing recognition and incentives. NYEL is free, voluntary, and open to all types of businesses, including lodging establishments. More information can be found at: [www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/939.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/939.html)

**Trip Advisor Green Leaders Program** – the Trip Advisor Green Leaders Program is a green lodging program administered by the travel website Trip Advisor that provides recognition for establishments with high levels of environmental performance. While there are multiple levels of accreditation within the program, for this specification we consider a lodging establishment that takes part in the program at any of the levels to be participating in it. More information can be found at: <https://www.tripadvisor.com/GreenLeaders>

### **Specifications:**

All affected entities are encouraged to book accommodations at lodging establishments that are members of the New York Environmental Leaders program or the Trip Advisor Green Leaders program.