



# SEE Action

STATE & LOCAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTION NETWORK

**NASEO** National  
Association

of State Energy Officials



## SEE Action Overview and Status Update

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# State and Local Efficiency Action Network Goals

- State and local effort facilitated by the DOE and EPA to help states, utilities, and other local stakeholders take energy efficiency to scale and achieve all cost-effective energy efficiency by 2020.
- Identifies opportunities to catalyze and transform the market and foster the emergence of a sustainable energy efficiency industry by providing technical assistance.



## SEE Action Leadership

- **Executive Group** of more than 30 stakeholders from across the country including state and local governments, associations, business leaders, non-government organizations, and others.
- **Eight working groups** chaired by DOE and EPA that focus on specific energy efficiency program and policy issues.



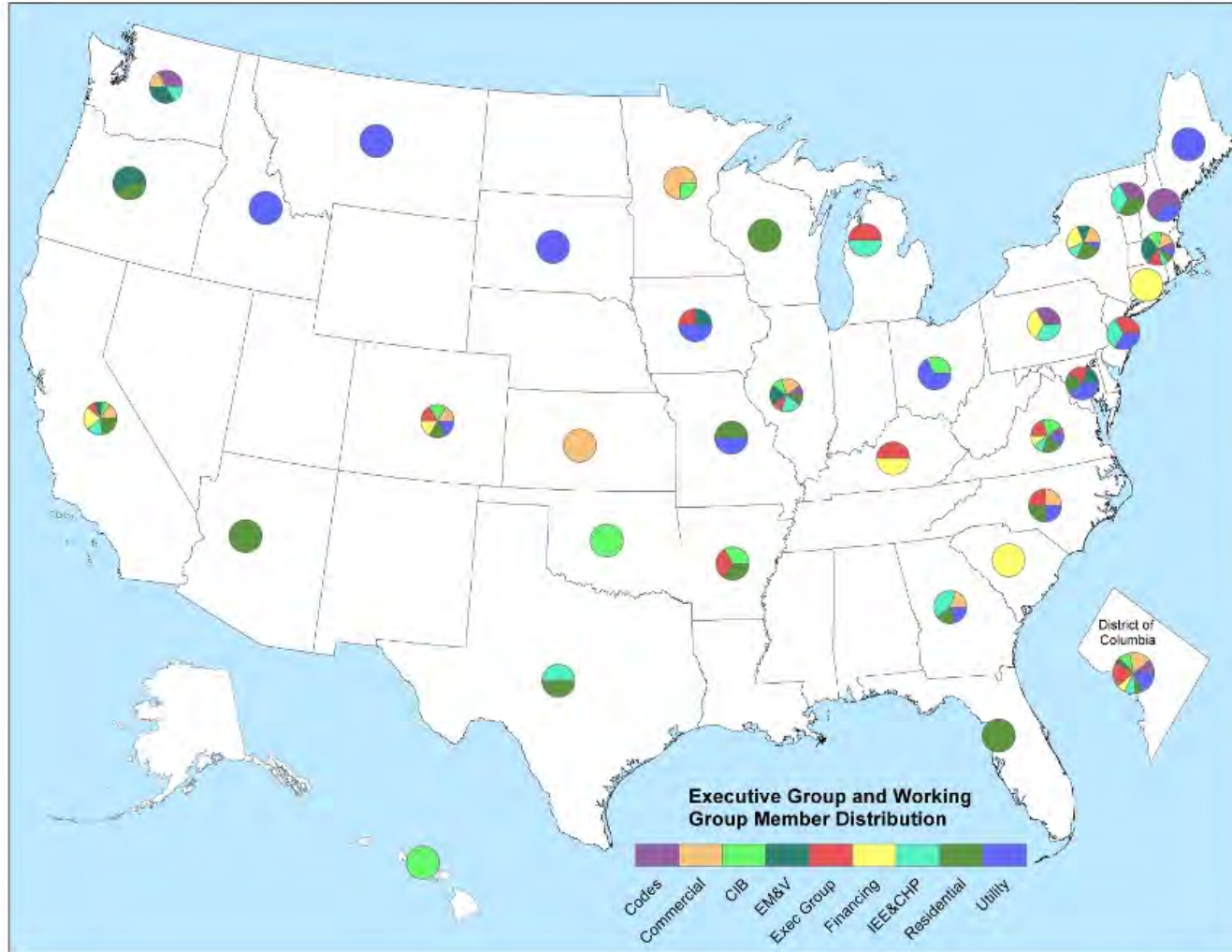
## SEE Action Working Groups

- Each of the working groups developed a blueprint (or roadmap) for achieving near- and long-term aggressive goals critical to capturing all cost-effective energy efficiency within the respective sectors.





# SEE Action Executive Group and Working Group Member Distribution





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## *Customer Information and Behavior*

### Co-Chairs:

Phyllis Reha, Minnesota Public  
Utilities Commission

Vaughn Clark, Office of Community  
Development, Oklahoma Department  
of Commerce

Change residential energy consumption behavior by using ***information and feedback*** and bring about behavior change that will lead energy customers to reduce energy consumption.

Blueprint aimed at using energy information and feedback to change residential energy consumption behavior and achieve deeper energy and emissions savings.

The CIB Working Group has set these goals:

- By 2020, reduce residential electricity consumption by 4% by increasing customer awareness of energy use
- In the next 2-3 years ensure that 20 million U.S. residential households participate in an on-going energy use information feedback program (an increase from 2 to 4 million current participants).

# Priority Solutions and Actions to Achieve the Goal

By 2020, reduce residential electricity consumption by 4% by increasing customer awareness of energy use.

## Three Work Areas

### Data Access

### Program Design

### Measuring Savings

## Priority Solution Areas

1. Assistance for Regulators and Policymakers
2. Appropriate Access to Utility Data
3. Data Security and Communications Standards
4. Access to Federal Energy Data

1. Scale-Up Pilots
2. Outreach to Improve the Understanding of Programs Targeting Behavior Changes
3. Provide Information to Decision-Makers
4. Highlight Model Programs
5. Support Additional Research

1. Smart Grid Consumer Behavior Studies
2. Cost-Effectiveness of Behavior Programs
3. Methods for Measuring Savings
4. Validate Experimental Design and Other Existing Methods
5. Examine Persistence of Savings





# **SEE Action** *Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification*

## **Co-Chairs:**

**Pat Oshie, Washington Utilities and  
Transportation Commission**

**Malcolm Woolf, Maryland Energy  
Administration**

Improve EE management by increasing the accuracy, credibility, and timeliness of EM&V results.

Addressing several key challenges in measuring and reporting EE results, including:

- **Credibility**
- **Timing**
- **Cost**

Blueprint describes key information and technical needs of states, municipalities, and their partners, and identifies the specific steps that SEE Action can take to address those needs.



# Key Solutions & Actions to Achieve the Goal

**GOAL: Transform EM&V to yield more accurate, credible, and timely results that accelerate successful energy efficiency deployment and management**

Three Major Work Areas

**Develop a foundation for improving credibility and cross-jurisdiction comparability**

**Explore new methods to address emerging issues and technologies**

**Build capacity and increase adoption of best practices**

Priority Solution Areas

**1. Consistent savings estimates and consistent and comparable reporting**

Resource for calculations, uniform definitions and common forms

**2. Review and update EM&V resource guides**

Impact evaluation techniques explained

**3. Uniform methods and/or standards**

Set of voluntary methods/protocols

**4. Explore new technology solutions**

Use Smart Grid and AMI to measure and verify savings

**5. Innovative analysis techniques**

New methods provide more efficient EM&V and maintain rigor

**6. Resource accessibility and tool development**

National or regional databases of reports, plans, and stipulated savings values

**7. Training**

Increase the number of EM&V practitioners and their level of expertise and experience



# SEE Action *Existing Commercial Buildings*

## Co-Chairs:

Jim Gallagher, New York Independent  
System Operator

Janet Streff, Minnesota Department of  
Commerce

Helping SEE Action address energy efficiency in existing commercial space by developing and promoting solutions for whole-building improvements.

The blueprint for action is intended to meet this goal:

- Reduce energy use 20% or more in 3 billion square feet of commercial space each year by 2015 through whole-building approaches.



# Priority Solutions and Actions to Achieve the Goal

## Mid-term Goal

By 2015, reduce energy use by at least 20% in 3 billion square feet of commercial space each year through whole-building retrofits and/or operational improvements

### Four Pillars

**Drive Demand for Energy Efficiency**

**Enable Efficient Operations and Investment**

**Build the Workforce**

**Move the Market**

### Priority Solutions Areas

**Benchmarking**  
Improve information through benchmarking/disclosure

**Retro-commissioning (RCx)**  
RCx and retrofit requirements

**Ratepayer-funded Programs**  
Target whole-building programs

**Public-private Partnerships**  
Energy challenges, recognition programs, etc.

**5. Organizational Energy Management Programs**  
Adopt comprehensive energy management programs

**6. Green Leasing**  
Integrate efficiency and green practices in leasing practices

**7. Financing Innovation**  
Credit enhancement, revolving loans, etc.

**8.1. Education & Training**  
Build training capacity

**8.2. Materials**  
Develop standardized training materials

**8.3. Certification**  
Standardize around meaningful and nationally-recognized professional certifications

**9. Procurement Reform**  
Bulk purchasing, specification, life cycle costing, and streamlined Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPC)

**10. Emerging Technology Demonstration**  
Through public-private partnerships, competitions, etc.



## SEE Action *Industrial Energy Efficiency/CHP*

### Co-Chairs:

Todd Currier, Washington State  
University Extension Energy Office

Greg White, Michigan Public Service  
Commission

Helping SEE Action address energy efficiency in the U.S. manufacturing sector by providing guidance on model programs and policies that support industrial efficiency and implementation of CHP.

The working group has developed a blueprint for action that drives the following goals:

- Achieve a 2.5% average annual reduction in industrial energy intensity through 2020.
- Install 40 gigawatts (GW) of new, cost-effective CHP by 2020.



# Key Solutions & Actions to Achieve the Goal

Achieve an average 2.5% reduction in industrial energy intensity annually through 2020; install 40 GW of new, cost-effective CHP by 2020

## Drive Demand for Industrial Energy Efficiency & CHP

- 1. State, Local, & Utility Programs for Industry**  
Programs that better meet the needs of industry
- 2. State Policy Models**  
Broader adoption of model policies
- 3. National Energy Efficiency Policy**  
Enhance national policy with regard to industrial energy efficiency and CHP
- 4. Education & Outreach**  
Build corporate culture; foster greater understanding of the economic value of industrial energy efficiency and CHP

## Build the Workforce

- 5. Education & Workforce Development**  
Identify industry's needs and workforce needs; develop new programs to address needs
- 6. Develop Training & Academic Curricula**  
From the plant floor to the corporate level
- 7. Licensing & Certification Protocols**  
Certified Energy Manager (CEM); DOE Qualified Specialists; Continuous Energy Improvement, etc.

## Promote Efficient Operations & Investment

- 8. Financing Innovation**  
Loan guarantees, energy service companies (ESCOs), etc.
- 9. Financial Incentives**  
Address industry ROI and refit cycles
- 10. Technical Solutions**  
Improve availability of energy efficiency and CHP information and tools for industry
- 11. Energy Management Programs/Continuous Energy Improvement**  
Ex: ISO 50001, Superior Energy Performance (SEP), ENERGY STAR, and others

## Move the Market

- 12. Technology Demonstration**  
Adoption of existing technologies
- 13. Regulatory Recommendations to Support CHP**  
Offer comprehensive CHP policies
- 14. Reduce Uncertainty Related to State Interconnection**  
Harmonization across broad regions and states
- 15. Financing Reform**  
Depreciation rules and Sarbanes-Oxley Act



# SEE Action *Building Energy Codes*

## Co-Chairs:

Laura Richardson, New Hampshire  
State Energy Office

John Hogan, Seattle Department of  
Planning and Development

The Building Energy Codes Working Group  
vision:

- **Qualitative:** All buildings will be designed and constructed to the IECC 2012 and ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1-2010, and their compliance with those documents will be readily verifiable on an annual basis
- **Quantitative:** In 2020, all new buildings and renovations to existing buildings—in all 50 states—will be compliant with IECC 2012 and ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1-2010



# Priority Solutions and Actions to Achieve the Goal

## Mid-term Goal (2013)

At least 30 states have adopted the 2009 IECC and ASHRAE 90.1-2007 or equivalent, and three states have adopted 2012 IECC/90.1-2010. 15 states have evaluated compliance by building type & system, and have 90% compliance plans in place.

### Two Pillars

**Drive model and stretch code update processes**

**Increase compliance with existing codes**

### Priority Solutions Areas

**Solution 1:** Develop adoption strategies focused on energy/cost savings impacts, while branching out to new audiences such as the general public.

**Solution 2:** Strategically team stakeholders to implement best practices for code adoption on State or Local level

**Solution 3:** Increase the number and availability of compliance guides and field measurement tools.

**Solution 4:** Develop and distribute training plans.

**Solution 5:** Understand and share best practices for funding code enforcement.





# SEE Action *Financing Solutions*

## Co-Chairs:

Keith Welks, Deputy State Treasurer  
for Fiscal Operations, Pennsylvania  
Treasury

TJ Deora, Director Colorado  
Governor's Energy Office

Remove financing barriers to energy efficiency in the U.S. through improved financing tools and mechanisms (e.g., loans, leases, service agreements).

- Better understand the needs of financial institutions in participating in energy efficiency lending.
- Provide government and financial institutions with the data, tools, and education to create successful future financial products.
- Continue to refine those financial tools so they reflect current data and the market's changing needs.

# Priority Solutions and Actions to Achieve the Goal

## Mid-term Goal

Remove financing barriers to energy efficiency in the United States through improved financing tools and mechanisms (loans, leases, service agreements).

## Three Pillars

**Better Understand Needs of Financial Institutions and Customers**

**Develop Information Toolkits**

**Develop New Data on Loan Performance**

## Priority Solutions Areas

### **1. Dialogue with Financial Institutions and Customers**

Gather information from financial institutions and customers to better understand their needs relative to participating in energy efficiency lending.

### **2a and 2b. Information Toolkits**

Provide relevant data and analysis to utilities, government entities, and financial institutions that will fill-in knowledge gaps and information needs and allow them to create appropriate finance products.

### **2c. Toolkit Outreach and Education**

Educate financial institutions, utility commissions, and other stakeholders on how to effectively leverage information and data presented in the toolkit.

### **3. Loan Data Analysis**

- (a) Gather and make public (on an ongoing basis) data, including loan-level performance data, that will assist utilities, financial institutions and others to develop and offer finance products for the residential sector at attractive rates and terms.
- (b) Create online depository of loan program information.



## SEE Action *Residential Building Retrofits*

### Chair:

Frank J. Murray, President and CEO,  
NYSERDA

Envisions a thriving industry for comprehensive, durable, performance-based home energy upgrades with:

- Robust demand for home energy upgrades
- A well-qualified network of full-service home performance contractors to meet this demand
- A rigorous system for quality assurance
- Sufficient pools of affordable, accessible private capital
- Comprehensive home energy upgrades will be comprehensive and performance-based; achieve savings of 20% or more of total energy use per building
- Public policies and funds provide support to leverage investments by more households
- Ultimate goal is to establish a robust, sustainable, private sector industry that provides home energy upgrade services



# Residential Retrofit Priority Areas

## Goal

Significantly increase the number of comprehensive, durable, performance-based home energy upgrades (HEUs) through a robust, sustainable industry – in line with estimates for the Moderate or Aggressive scenarios.

## Priorities

### Improve Residential Energy Efficiency Program Design

1. Improve the quality of home energy upgrade program design and implementation
2. Rigorous quality assurance standards and workforce training

### Enable Access to Capital

3. Improve access to credit for both product and service providers
4. Improve access to financing for customers

### Increase the Market Value of Home Energy Upgrades

5. Increase the value of home energy upgrades, through labeling, disclosures, education, data collection, etc.

### Bolster Energy Efficiency Funding and Policy Support

6. Increase HEU funding from utility customers
7. Maintain or increase taxpayer funding for state and local HEU programs
8. Offer federal rebates and tax credits for HEUs
9. State and Federal Clean Energy Commitments
10. Federal CO<sub>2</sub> legislation with funding to support HEU programs.



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# *Utility Motivation and Energy Efficiency*

### Co-Chairs:

Jennifer Easler, Iowa Office of  
Consumer Advocate

Cheryl Roberto, Ohio Public Utilities  
Commission

Increase investments in energy efficiency through ratepayer-funded energy efficiency programs.

The Utility Motivation and Energy Efficiency Working Group has set these goals:

- First 12 months: Five additional states implementing policies that motivate utilities to support energy efficiency initiatives that target all cost-effective energy efficiency
- Intermediate: Intermediate goal to be determined within first 12 months.
- Long term: All states implementing policies that motivate utilities to support energy efficiency initiatives that target all cost-effective energy efficiency.



# Priority Solutions & Actions to Achieve Goals

## Goals

First 12 months: Five additional states implementing policies that motivate utilities to support energy efficiency initiatives that target all cost-effective energy efficiency.

Intermediate goal: intermediate goal to be determined within 12 months.

Long Term: All states implementing policies that motivate utilities to support energy efficiency initiatives that target all cost-effective energy efficiency.

## Sub-Goals

### Establish Foundation: Develop Materials

- Dialogue discussions to assess priority topics & gaps to fill
- Materials on priority topics, including principles / considerations for regulators & others addressing issues

### Build Capacity: Provide Technical Assistance

## Priority Solution Areas

- Outreach to target audiences
- Peer to peer exchange: Working Group members serve as "assistance team"
- Ramp up DOE/EPA technical assistance

### Explore Additional Issues and Solutions

- Additional Dialogue discussions on:
- Next generation policies
  - Policies to support highest levels of energy efficiency achievement



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### Technical Assistance

- Current technical assistance includes:
  - DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Solution Center,  
<http://www1.eere.energy.gov/wip/solutioncenter/>
  - DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability State and Regional Policy Assistance,  
<http://energy.gov/oe/services/electricity-policy-coordination-and-implementation/state-and-regional-policy-assistance>
  - EPA State Climate and Energy Program,  
<http://epa.gov/statelocalclimate/state/index.html>
  - EPA Climate Showcase Communities Program,  
<http://epa.gov/statelocalclimate/local/showcase/>





## SEE Action

### How States Can Engage

- Disseminate, promote, and adopt SEE Action recommendations within your state or region
- Inform SEE Action Working Groups of working programs / policies your state has in place or is working toward
- Highlight innovative industrial financing or incentives that are available in your state
- Work with SEE Action to enhance state energy efficiency data collection and reporting for the industrial sector to improve capabilities for measuring program / policy impacts



Thank you!

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Janet Streff, Minnesota

