

The **Better Buildings Initiative** is a national leadership initiative calling on state and local officials, corporate chief executive officers, university presidents, utilities, and other leaders to make substantial commitments to improve the energy efficiency of their buildings and plants, save money, and increase competitiveness. The cornerstones are a commitment to a 20% or more savings target across the organizations' portfolios and a commitment to share strategies that work, substantiated by energy data across the portfolios. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is expanding this initiative to engage leaders in a set of **Better Buildings Accelerators** designed to demonstrate specific innovative approaches, which upon successful demonstration will accelerate investment in energy efficiency.

The **Outdoor Lighting Accelerator** is designed to accelerate the adoption and use of high efficiency outdoor lighting in the public sector, replacing over 1,500,000 poles over the next two years starting in May 2014, while developing best practice approaches to municipal system-wide replacement for this period and the longer term. The Accelerator applies to all categories of outdoor lighting for which local governments or states pay the energy bills (i.e., street/roadway, parking facility, and parks and recreation lighting) and will focus on addressing issues that limit investment in high-efficiency technologies such as financing and metering/utility tariff-rates. The goals of the **Outdoor Lighting Accelerator** include:

- ▶ Demonstrate best practice approaches of municipal system-wide replacement to high-efficiency outdoor lighting and develop road-tested examples for other public sector organizations to use.
- ▶ Provide tools and guidance to address technical issues and help establish policy/tariff framework to allow more local governments to take advantage of high efficiency outdoor lighting.
- ▶ Document and share best practices on overcoming technical, regulatory, and financial barriers to encourage broad deployment of high efficiency outdoor lighting.
- ▶ Develop recommendations for post-Accelerator next steps.

**Outdoor Lighting Accelerator Partners**, in collaboration with DOE, will demonstrate practical and effective best practices to accelerate the adoption of high-efficiency outdoor lighting. Accelerator Partners and DOE enter into this partnering agreement to improve system-wide replacement processes at the municipal level.

#### Municipal Partner Agrees to:

- ▶ **Appoint** an Accelerator point of contact.
- ▶ **Develop** an outdoor lighting roadmap incorporating a system-wide analysis and with the objective of replacing a significant portion of the city's portfolio of outdoor lighting within two years.
- ▶ **Share** results and lessons learned with DOE and other Accelerator Partners as approaches are implemented, including tracking baseline and improved energy and non-energy benefits.
- ▶ **Identify** a key barrier within three months of joining the Accelerator, to be addressed with peers and DOE technical assistance over a 12-month period.

#### In Addition:

- ▶ **State/Region commits to collaborating with three or more municipalities** to develop an outdoor lighting roadmap incorporating a system-wide analysis and with the objective of replacing a significant portion of each municipality's portfolio of outdoor lighting within two years.

#### U.S. Department of Energy Agrees to:

- ▶ **Appoint** an Accelerator point of contact.
- ▶ **Facilitate** peer exchange on models for utility engagement and financing solutions.
- ▶ **Develop** additional technical tools and/or assistance necessary to meet the goals of the Accelerator, subject to resources.
- ▶ **Provide technical assistance** to Partner to overcome a key barrier.
- ▶ **Provide recognition** to Accelerator Partners for their leadership in addressing these issues.

## Agreement

My organization is committed to the goals of this Better Buildings Accelerator and pledges to lead in the adoption of high-efficiency outdoor lighting.

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Senior Executive Officer

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Date

## Contact Information

Organization

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## General Terms

- ▶ All parties concur that this agreement is wholly voluntary and may be terminated by any party at any time, and for any reason, with no penalty.
- ▶ Partner will not construe, claim, or imply that its participation in the Better Buildings Initiative constitutes Federal Government approval, acceptance, or endorsement of anything other than Partner's commitment to the initiative.
- ▶ Partner understands its participation in the Better Buildings Initiative does not constitute Federal Government endorsement of Partner.
- ▶ Partner understands that the activities it undertakes in connection with the Better Buildings Initiative are voluntary and not intended to provide services to the Federal Government. Partner will not submit a claim for compensation to any federal agency.
- ▶ The Better Buildings Initiative will honor all requests to keep the Partner's information and data confidential.