

Commitment for Better Communities Resource Opportunity for Technical Assistance on Energy Efficiency Policy and Program Implementation

Through the **Better Communities Alliance** (BCA), the U.S. Department of Energy is introducing *Commitments for Better Communities*, a partnership initiative to help match resources from public and private sector organizations to local government needs. The outcome of this initiative is an expansion of resources for communities that support their achievement of local energy and economic goals, while enabling participating public and private sector organizations to demonstrate innovative solutions.

Resource Opportunity Title: Technical Assistance on Energy Efficiency Policy and Program Implementation

Organization: American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE)

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Organization Description: ACEEE, a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization, acts as a catalyst to advance energy efficiency policies, programs, technologies, investments, and behaviors. ACEEE believes that the United States can harness the full potential of energy efficiency to achieve greater economic prosperity, energy security, and environmental protection for all its people. For more information, visit www.aceee.org.

Summary of Resource Opportunity: ACEEE will provide technical assistance to three to five communities on energy efficiency policy and program implementation. ACEEE staff will provide research, subject matter expertise, and other technical assistance resources to priority projects. Technical assistance products may range from structured conference calls for prioritizing or identifying strategies on particular issues and expert reviews of draft policies or program plans, to memos, fact sheets, spreadsheet analyses, sample language, or presentations to a stakeholder audience. To help communities identify and pursue energy efficiency policy and program options, ACEEE has developed the [City Energy Efficiency Scorecard](#) and the [Local Energy Efficiency Self-Scoring Tool](#). These tools provide a baseline assessment of a community's existing efficiency actions and help to identify additional opportunities through sharing information on best practice policies and examples from other communities. Although all energy efficiency topics will be considered, ACEEE will prioritize assistance for policy and program advancement related to one or more topic included in the Scorecard.

▶ Potential Technical Assistance Activity Types

- ▶ Structured conference calls or presentations
- ▶ Expert review of draft program plans, RFPs, energy efficiency potential studies, or research methods
- ▶ Issue briefings, best practice documents, or detailed case studies
- ▶ Energy efficiency opportunity assessments and savings analyses
- ▶ Policy and performance metrics and comparative analysis among localities
- ▶ Policy development assistance
- ▶ Analysis of economic and employment impacts of energy efficiency

▶ Priority Energy Efficiency Topic Areas

- ▶ Utility and local government partnership opportunities, including efficiency in multifamily and low-income housing
- ▶ Integration of energy efficiency into community resilience planning
- ▶ Integration of energy efficiency into community planning and economic development strategies
- ▶ Financing programs for efficiency improvements
- ▶ Water and energy efficiency initiatives and programs
- ▶ Energy management in local government operations
- ▶ Driving demand for energy efficiency services
- ▶ Use of energy efficiency to meet greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals
- ▶ Transportation efficiency – infrastructure and planning and vehicles policies

Application Form for Local Government Partners

1. NAME OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND STATE.

2. DESCRIBE YOUR INTEREST IN THE INDICATED OPPORTUNITY AND HOW IT SUPPORTS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF LOCAL ENERGY AND/OR ECONOMIC GOALS.

3. INDICATE THE APPROXIMATE TIMEFRAME (START AND END DATES) IN WHICH YOU EXPECT TO IMPLEMENT THE INDICATED OPPORTUNITY.

4. STATE THE NAME, TITLE, AND DEPARTMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL(S) ASSIGNED TO WORK ON THE OPPORTUNITY.

5. WHAT KEY ISSUE(S) IN YOUR COMMUNITY WOULD ACEEE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SUPPORT?

6. WHAT SPECIFIC RESEARCH OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WILL HELP ADDRESS THE IDENTIFIED ISSUE(S)?

7. WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE WORK PRODUCT, AND WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND LEVEL OF IMPACTS OF THE WORK PRODUCT AND THE EFFORTS TO WHICH IT WILL CONTRIBUTE?

8. WHAT IS THE ORGANIZATIONAL/STRATEGIC CONTEXT OF THIS REQUEST? ARE THERE RELATED WEBPAGES, STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS, ETC.? PLEASE INCLUDE URLS OR ATTACHMENTS AS APPROPRIATE.