

Commitment for Better Communities Resource Opportunity for Technical Assistance on Energy or Smart City Planning

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 or Smart City Planning

Organization: DNV GL

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Organization Description: DNV GL is a global energy and climate consulting practice serving government, utility and private sector clients with 15,000 employees in more than 100 countries. DNV GL – Energy’s 3,000 experts offer a broad range of energy consulting services spanning all links in the energy value chain including smart cities and smart grids, sustainable energy use, renewable and conventional power generation, power and natural gas transmission and distribution, and energy markets and regulations. For more information, visit www.dnvgl.com.

Summary of Resource Opportunity: DNV GL will provide technical expertise to one community on either integrating renewable energy into communities, or developing a “smart city” plan. For either topic, DNV GL will conduct a workshop onsite in the participating community with government officials.

- ▶ [Energy Transition for Cities Workshop](#) – Driven by the falling cost of renewable energy combined with new efficiency technologies, cities are increasingly interested in opportunities to accelerate next-generation energy strategies. DNV GL will conduct a one-day, onsite workshop to engage community staff and stakeholders to discuss strategies to align renewable energy approaches with community energy strategies. The workshop will assist community staff in reviewing available energy consumption baseline data and current energy programs and initiatives, and help facilitate discussions on opportunities for new programs, policies and projects. DNV GL will share case studies and lessons learned from other communities related to an Energy Transition pathway across seven dimensions: sustainability governance, municipal operations leading the way, sustainable use, clean energy sources, resiliency, smart cities, and financing. The selected city will have the opportunity to work with DNV GL to customize the workshop agenda.
- ▶ [Smart City Introductory Planning Workshop](#) – DNV GL will conduct a half-day, onsite workshop to engage stakeholders on a smart city vision focused on the buildings and energy sector. The workshop will include sharing lessons learned from other cities related to next-generation energy technologies for smart cities, and conducting a high-level needs assessment based on stakeholder input. Workshop objectives include identifying smart city goals, potential solutions, and near-term actions through a stakeholder driven process.

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. INDICATE WHICH WORKSHOP (ENERGY TRANSITION OR SMART CITY) YOU WISH TO APPLY FOR:

6. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE SPECIFIC TOPICS OR FOCUS AREAS OF MOST INTEREST TO YOUR COMMUNITY RELATED TO THE OPPORTUNITY YOU WISH TO APPLY FOR:

7. DESCRIBE THE DESIRED OUTCOMES OR NEXT STEPS THAT YOU WOULD ENVISION FROM THIS ENGAGEMENT:

8. LIST THE MAJOR UTILITIES OR ENERGY PROVIDERS SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

9. OTHER COMMENTS: