

Commitment for Better Communities Resource Opportunity for PEER Assessment Training

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: PEER Assessment Training

Organization: U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)

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Organization Description: The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is committed to a prosperous, healthy and sustainable future through its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building certification program, robust educational offerings, nationwide network of local members, the annual Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, and advocacy in support of public policy that supports cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings and communities. USGBC serves a diverse marketplace and its LEED green building program is the foremost program for green building certification in the world – saving money for families, businesses and taxpayers, reducing carbon emissions, and contributing to a healthier environment. For more information, visit: <https://www.usgbc.org>.

Summary of Resource Opportunity: USGBC will provide free training for 10 communities on PEER, a new third-party certification program and road map for sustainable power system performance. PEER provides an independent evaluation of overall power system performance, opening the door to identifying new opportunities for improvement and developing a plan for PEER certification.

For community teams that have completed an introductory PEER webinar, USGBC will provide training on how to complete the PEER Assessment. The PEER Assessment is an assessment of overall project sustainability while building the case for investment. The assessment utilizes the PEER framework to inform and build upon the existing sustainable energy plans, quantify the value produced to date, and identify new opportunities for improvement. The webinar will provide tools and technical training for communities to assess their power grids. The assessment is a simple first step and can be used to enter into PEER Participation and eventually apply for certification, or as a stand-alone tool for driving action, innovation, and investment. For more information, visit: <http://peer.gbci.org>.

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. IF APPLICABLE, DESCRIBE ANY STATE OR LOCAL POLICIES IN PLACE THAT WOULD FACILITATE OR RESTRICT (OR OTHERWISE INFLUENCE) THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY EXPRESSED ENERGY AND/OR ECONOMIC GOALS.

6. DOES YOUR LOCALITY HAVE A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE UTILITY? PLEASE DESCRIBE.

7. OTHER COMMENTS: