REMINDER: Request for Interest: NASEO-LBNL Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) State-Local Coordination Workshop

REMINDER: If your office is interested in working with NASEO and Berkeley Lab to develop a no-cost, targeted training in your state, please reach out to Sam Cramer (scramer@naseo.org) by April 7, 2023. Please include in your request a short summary of your state's current progress with C-PACE, state goals related to C-PACE, and barriers your state wishes to address as part of the training with a focus on developing a "local-government-ready" C-PACE program.

Additional Information

NASEO and Berkeley Lab are pleased to offer a one-day no-cost workshop to State Energy Offices alongside key state and local stakeholders that are interested in developing and implementing statewide Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) programs in their states. The workshop will provide information to stakeholders about C-PACE and offer them opportunities to provide input and feedback into the design of a potential statewide, "local-government-ready" C-PACE program positioned for streamlined adoption by local governments.

C-PACE is a mechanism that enables commercial building owners to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements to their properties through a special assessment, which is then repaid through the owners' property taxes. C-PACE programs can offer long-term, property-secured financing to commercial enterprises to implement energy efficiency and renewable energy retrofits. As of 2023, C-PACE programs have financed over $4.1 billion in clean energy retrofits for commercial buildings, and hundreds more C-PACE projects are in the developmental pipeline.[1] State-local coordination is essential to C-PACE programs as local governments (even in statewide programs) typically need to authorize C-PACE in their tax districts, adjust their tax rolls to account for the C-PACE assessment, possibly collect the assessments and remit them to the capital providers, and provide educational assistance and support to local property owners wishing to make improvements to their properties. Therefore, statewide C-PACE programs that can better coordinate local government activities can quickly scale C-PACE activity, leading to greater economic development and furtherance of state and local energy and environmental goals.

In order to help spur the development of statewide, "local-government-ready" C-PACE programs in states, NASEO and Berkeley Lab will work with two State Energy Offices to host one-day workshops for each state's key stakeholders. Workshops will cover the basics of C-PACE financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy and guide key stakeholders on providing feedback and input on the potential design and implementation of a statewide C-PACE program.

- Focus of workshop: Hybrid training and workshop event leveraging DOE's C-PACE Toolkit that is focused on educating local governments and in-state stakeholders and troubleshooting persistent barriers.
- Length of Workshop: **1 day in-person training** (~10 am – 3 pm, dependent on state schedule)
- Potential Timeframe for Workshop: **July-September 2023**, dependent on state schedule

[1] https://www.pacenation.org/pace-market-data/

The ideal state candidate for this training/workshop will have:

- Passed legislation enabling C-PACE in their state;
- Not yet established a C-PACE program, but is interested in exploring options for establishing a statewide program, or is not interested in a statewide program but wishes to increase local government uptake of C-PACE; and
- Would like the State Energy Office to have a role in C-PACE program design.
- A limited number of local governments that have adopted C-PACE in the state (e.g., under 10).

NASEO and Berkeley Lab will work with your state to customize the training to focus on specific aspects of your state's C-PACE enabling statute. Interested states should reach out to Sam Cramer (scramer@naseo.org) at NASEO with a request to help co-host the training.