

NASEO's 2017 Central Regional State Energy Officials Meeting

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Colorado Energy Office: CEO's work is focused in four key areas: building and facility energy efficiency/renewable energy, alternative fuel transportation, innovative energy production, and energy education.

Colorado's energy issues

- The Colorado Energy Office did not receive continued state funding authorization during the 2017 legislative session. The office is exploring all of its options to continue its current work.
- Colorado stakeholders and policymakers continue to grapple with balancing the state's portfolio of fossil fuels and renewables. After a recent explosion caused by a leaking natural gas flowline that killed two residents, Gov. Hickenlooper has called for a statewide review of oil and gas flowlines and pipelines.
- Xcel, CEO and nine other parties reached a settlement agreement in Xcel's Advanced Grid Intelligence and Security that provides a path forward for advanced metering, technology that will improve the distribution grid, and additional provisions to enhance customer data access.

State Energy Program Activities

- **Agricultural Energy Efficiency:** CEO's AgEE program delivers energy audits, preliminary renewable energy assessments, and technical support services to approximately 60 producers per year. The program will reach its goal by end of the fiscal year.
- **K-12 Schools:** CEO's Energy Savings for Schools Program works with small, rural, and low-income K-12 school districts in the state to improve building performance and comfort, and lower energy (and water) use and costs. The program has reached its annual goal and secured 18 agreements with school districts to implement energy savings.
- **EPC:** Since the program's inception, Colorado has completed 194 EPC projects that have improved the performance of public buildings in communities across 75% of Colorado's counties. In collaboration with the Colorado Energy Savings Coalition, CEO worked successfully to pass SB17-252, a utility cost-saving contract for local governments that modifies Colorado's EPC legislation to include water meter projects.
- **Residential New Homes:** CEO works with partners to support adoption of the 2009 IECC or better to local jurisdictions by conducting code training. CEO provided training and technical support of the 2015 IECC in eleven state jurisdictions. CEO also works with regional stakeholders to build capacity for high performance home building and builders to increase the number of homes rated through the Home Energy Rating System (HERS).
- **Hydropower:** The Colorado Energy Office PRV (pressure relief valve) workshops have engaged 15 water providers to complete over 700 kW of FERC applications and CWRPDA (Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority) grants over the two workshops held since December 2016.

Non-State Energy Program Activities

- Colorado C-PACE has pre-screened 264 projects, representing a potential aggregated deal flow of more than \$100 million. Colorado C-PACE launched in December 2016 and now has 15 counties enrolled in the program, covering more than 60 percent of the eligible commercial market in Colorado.
- The Colorado Energy Office made awards for 28 electric vehicle charging stations outside the Denver metro area through its Charge Ahead Colorado grant program. The program received a record number of grant applications, indicating an increase in market demand. The program exceeded its goal for the year.