

NASEO's 2017 Midwest Regional State Energy Office Officials Meeting

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Iowa Economic Development Authority's (IEDA) Energy Office

Iowa's Energy Policy Issues:

- **Iowa Energy Plan**

The plan was completed and made available in December 2016 (iowaenergyplan.org). The chair of the Energy Plan, Iowa's former Lt. Governor, Kim Reynolds was recently elevated to Governor and the #2 priority for her administration is supporting implementation of the plan's strategies.

- **Iowa Energy Center (IEC)**

Recently signed state legislation officially transferred the authority of the IEC to IEDA. The IEC is a utility funded entity that has been managed by Iowa State University and it offers both energy R&D grants, as well as a 0% revolving loan fund for energy projects. Beginning October 1st, 2017, IEDA will oversee both the grant and loan offerings.

State Energy Program Activities:

- **Iowa Energy Plan**

IEDA is leading efforts to implement key, near-term strategies of the plan, as well as collaborate on efforts made by external stakeholders to implement strategies of interest to their organizations.

- **B3 Benchmarking Program**

The partners including the Iowa Energy Office, Iowa Energy Center at Iowa State University, MidAmerican Energy Company, Alliant Energy and Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, continue to manage an active statewide Iowa Public Building Benchmarking Program. To date, this valuable web-based tool provides needed information for building owners and organizations to evaluate the efficiency level at which their buildings are performing and to project the impact of proposed energy efficiency improvements.

- **Energy Assurance**

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Utilities Board have primary responsibility for the state's Energy Assurance Plan. The functions they oversee include energy planning and coordination for the state, promoting the synchronization of risk management activities and emergency response preparedness programs/plans.

Other (Non-SEP) Activities:

- **Iowa Clean Cities Coalition**

The Iowa Clean Cities Coalition is a program that incorporates a variety of public and private stakeholders to coordinate education and technical assistance on alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technologies, especially for fleets. The mission of the national Clean Cities program is to advance the nation's economic, environmental, and energy security by supporting local actions to reduce petroleum consumption in transportation. It is housed at the Iowa Economic Development Authority and a designated member of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) Clean Cities program.

- **VW Settlement Efforts**

As a result of two related Volkswagen settlements, the state of Iowa is expected to receive approximately \$21 million in environmental mitigation trust funds over the next ten years. The Governor's office tasked the Iowa DOT as the lead agency and IEDA as their key partner in managing the state's efforts around the mitigation trust funds.