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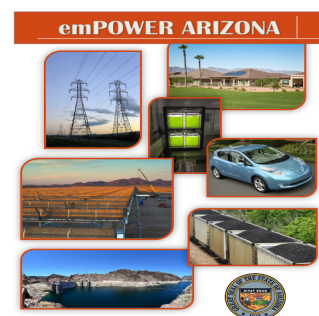
## PRESIDENT OBAMA RELEASES FY'15 BUDGET REQUEST

On Tuesday, March 4, President Obama released his FY'15 Budget Request, which covers major U.S. Department of Energy Programs. [Learn More](#)



## GOVERNOR BREWER ESTABLISHES ENERGY PLAN, "EMPOWER ARIZONA"

Governor Jan Brewer recently approved and accepted a Master Energy Plan, "emPOWER Arizona: Executive Energy Assessment and Pathways," to help lead Arizona into a more prosperous and reliable energy future. [Learn More](#)



## GOVERNOR SHUMLIN UNVEILS PLAN TO INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN VERMONT'S STATE BUILDINGS

Governor Peter Shumlin recently rolled out a plan in Vermont to make state buildings more energy efficient with a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and annual energy usage by at least 5 percent with an investment of \$8 million. [Learn More](#)



## HOUSE PASSES ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014

On Wednesday, March 5, Republican and Democratic members of the House joined to pass the Energy Efficiency Improvement Act of 2014 (HR 2126), sponsored by Representatives David McKinley (R-WV) and Peter Welch (D-VT). [Learn More](#)



## SENATOR COONS REINTRODUces BILL TO EXTEND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

On Thursday, February 27, U.S. Senators Chris Coons (D-DE), Susan Collins (R-ME), and Jack Reed (D-RI) reintroduced updated legislation to strengthen and reauthorize the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and State Energy Program (SEP), two of the federal government's most successful energy efficiency initiatives. [Learn More](#)



## PENNSYLVANIA OPENS ALTERNATIVE FUELS INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM

An estimated \$8 million in grants is now available in Pennsylvania for the purchase or conversion of natural gas vehicles, as well as the conversion or purchase of electric, propane or other alternative fuel vehicles of any size. [Learn More](#)



## NEW POWER LINES MAKE TEXAS WORLD'S 5TH LARGEST WIND POWER PRODUCER

Over the next three years, wind farm development in Texas, estimated at 7,500 MW of new generation, will convert a number of towns into renewable energy hubs. In addition, new transmission lines now link five CREZ zones, which could eventually serve 16,000 MW of wind power from west Texas to more populated cities by 2016. [Learn More](#)



## EPA SETS TIER 3 MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION AND FUEL STANDARDS

The EPA is finalizing an important rule designed to reduce air pollution from passenger cars and trucks. Starting in 2017, Tier 3 sets new vehicle emissions standards and lowers the sulfur content of gasoline, considering the vehicle and its fuel as an integrated system. [Learn More](#)



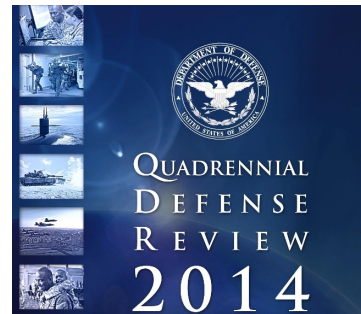
## SENATOR INHOFE INTRODUCES BIPARTISAN BILL TO INCENTIVIZE NATURAL GAS VEHICLES

Senator Jim Inhofe (R-OK), senior member of the Environment and Public Works Committee, recently introduced with Senator Carl Levin (D-MI) the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Development Act, a bill that would incentivize the production and purchase of alternative fuel and natural gas vehicles. [Learn More](#)



## PENTAGON CALLS CLIMATE CHANGE A "THREAT MULTIPLIER"

On Tuesday, March 4, the Pentagon released its Quadrennial Defense Review, which says climate change is a "threat multiplier" and critical component of future defense strategy. [Learn More](#)



## AFFILIATES CORNER

### ASHRAE/IES ENERGY STANDARD GAINS 30 PERCENT SAVINGS OVER 2004

The most recently published ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2013 provides minimum requirements for the energy-efficient design of buildings except low-rise residential buildings. [Learn More](#)



### SIEMENS RECEIVES \$37 MILLION ENERGY SAVINGS CONTRACT FROM



## **GSA**

The General Services Administration (GSA) recently awarded a \$37.2 million contract to increase energy efficiency at three buildings in the Great Lakes Region, under Siemens Government Technologies, Inc. [Learn More](#)

## **MINNESOTA ENERGY EFFICIENCY OPTIMIZER PROGRAM LAUNCHES**

THE WEIDT GROUP



The Weidt Group recently announced the launch of the Minnesota Energy Efficiency Optimizer (MNNeo) program, which evaluates energy-saving strategies in new construction and major renovation projects in greater Minnesota. [Learn More](#)

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## **MORE NEWS AND UPDATES**

[C-PACE Clean Energy Program Celebrates First Anniversary](#)

[Deutsche Bank Sells First Homowner Energy Efficiency Securities](#)

[GSA Green Building Advisory Committee Nominations Due March 14](#)

[NASEO Seeks Fuels and Grid Integration Program Manager](#)

[NHTSA Seeks Comments on Alternative Fuel Vehicle Labeling Rule](#)

[Utah Governor's Energy Development Summit Becomes Critical Energy Forum](#)

### **Upcoming NASEO Events**

[NASEO 2014 Annual Meeting--September 8-11, Savannah, GA](#)

[NASEO 2014 Regional State Energy Office Meetings](#)

### **State and Affiliate Events**

[ACORE Policy Forum--March 26-27, Washington, DC](#)

[CxEnergy 2014 Conference & Exposition--April 21-24, Henderson, NV](#)

[Energy Efficiency Global Forum 2014--May 20-21, Washington, DC](#)

[EnergySMART 2014--March 25-27, Philadelphia, PA](#)

**2014 Kansas Energy Conference--September 16-17, Topeka, KS**

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