



**September 24, 2015**

## **NASEO to Host 2015-2016 Winter Energy Outlook Conference**

The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, the U.S. Energy Information Administration, and NASEO invite you to the 2015-2016 Winter Energy Outlook Conference on October 6, 2015. [Learn More](#)



## **Highlights and Presentations from NASEO's 2015 Annual Meeting Available**

On September 13-16, NASEO hosted its 2015 Annual Meeting, which explored states' efforts to open new economic opportunities through smart policies and programs, intelligent efficiency, grid integration, and technology innovation. Presentations are now available. [Learn More](#)



## **NASEO Board Elects Anna Pavlova, Schneider Electric, as Newest Member**

NASEO's Board of Directors recently elected Anna Pavlova, Vice President, Government Relations, Schneider Electric, as Affiliate's Co-Chair. [Learn More](#)



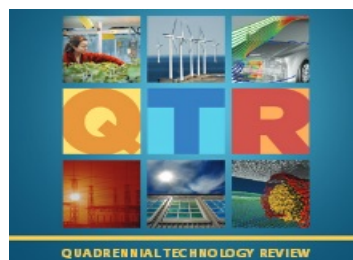
## **Governor Sandavol Names Paul Thomsen as Energy Adviser to Nevada Public Utilities Commission**

Governor Brian Sandoval recently announced that Paul Thomsen would chair the Nevada Public Utilities Commission, which regulates utility companies and approves rate changes. Prior to this, Mr. Thomsen served as the top energy policy adviser in the Governor's Office of Energy. [Learn More](#)



## DOE Releases 2015 Quadrennial Technology Review

On September 10, Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy John Holdren and Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz released the 2015 Quadrennial Technology Review in Washington, DC. [Learn More](#)



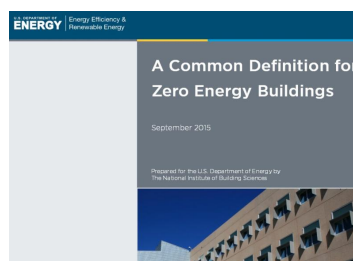
## White House Announces Actions to Bring Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency to Households Nationwide

The White House recently announced a set of executive actions and private sector commitments to accelerate America's transition to cleaner sources of energy. [Learn More](#)



## DOE Releases Common Definition of Zero Energy Buildings, Campuses, and Communities

The U.S. Department of Energy reached a significant milestone by releasing a common definition for a zero energy building, also known as "net zero energy" or "zero net energy." [Learn More](#)



## Michigan Announces State-based Strategy to Comply with Clean Power Plan

The Michigan Agency for Energy recently announced that the state will submit a compliance strategy for the federal rules, avoiding challenging the rules in federal court. [Learn More](#)



## FHA and DOE Partnership will Provide Flexible Underwriting that Considers Home Energy Costs

The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) recently announced its new partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to help borrowers using FHA's Energy Efficient Home program to take advantage of energy cost savings when measured by DOE's Home Energy Score. [Learn More](#)



## California Becomes First State to Open Whole-Building Energy Usage Data

On September 11, California's Assembly Bill 802 cleared both houses of the Legislature, with minimal opposition. The bill adds firepower to energy efficiency requirements for buildings by opening up access to data about energy use. [Learn More](#)



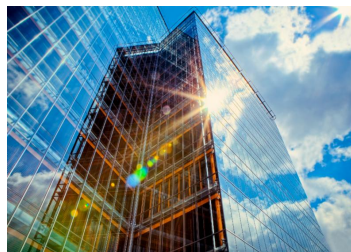
## Governor McAuliffe Announces \$20 Million to Improve Energy Efficiency in Virginia

Governor Terry McAuliffe recently announced the launch of Virginia's first Green Community Program, VirginiaSAVES, created to lower financing costs for energy efficiency, renewable energy generation and alternative fuel projects. VirginiaSAVES will be funded through \$20 million in federally-allocated qualified energy conservation bonds. [Learn More](#)



## DOE Seeks State Input on 2018 Energy Code Development

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has released its draft proposals for the 2018 IECC. In addition, DOE will conduct a series of events for stakeholders in preparation for the 2018 IECC development cycle. [Learn More](#)



## Clean Energy Industry Supports 10,000 Jobs in Rhode Island

A recent report released by the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources and the Executive Office of Commerce found that the clean energy sector added 613 jobs over the last 12 months, (for a total of 9,832 clean energy jobs). It also projected that another 1,600 energy efficiency and renewable energy related positions would be created over the next year. [Learn More](#)



## New California Law to Jump-start Higher Energy Efficiency Standards

Recent mandates approved by California lawmakers are expected to require higher efficiency standards for buildings and more reliance on renewable energy, while drawing new investments and jump-starting wind and solar projects. [Learn More](#)



## Texas Grid Survives Heat, Still Seeks Greater Energy Efficiency and Demand Response

While temperatures in Texas continue to rise, resulting in high demands in electricity, the state's main grid operator, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), has barely broken a sweat. Demand even passed the previous record-high mark twice in one afternoon, but ERCOT has not called for a single system emergency. [Learn More](#)



## Updating State Energy Codes for New Homes Would Deliver Significant National Savings, NIST Reports

The National Institute of Standards and Technology launched its new database software, Building Industry Reporting and Design for Sustainability, to measure the energy and cost performance of newly constructed homes. It also reported that if every state in the nation adopted up-to-date residential energy efficiency codes, the savings over a decade would total approximately 2.4 billion kilowatt hours. [Learn More](#)



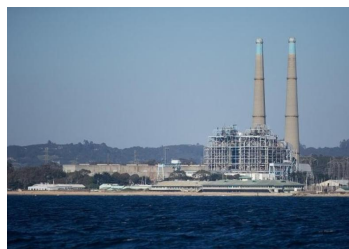
## Colorado Kicks Off Home Energy Score Program to Benefit Home Buyers, Sellers

Through its Better Buildings Colorado program, Colorado became the second state to offer the Home Energy Score, which provides a home's efficiency score and recommendations for efficiency improvements. Administered through the Colorado Energy Office, it also integrates the Home Energy Score into real estate transactions. [Learn More](#)



## CEC Projects Local Electric Reliability Deficits, Triggering Natural Gas Generations

The California Energy Commission recently released a report projecting local reliability shortfalls in the Los Angeles area as early as 2021, which may require new natural gas power generation to maintain grid reliability. [Learn More](#)



## District of Columbia Selected for Cutting Edge Affordable Housing Project Focused on Sustainability

The District of Columbia's Department of Energy and Environment and the Department of Housing and Community Development will be participating in a "Living Building Challenge Affordable Housing Pilot Project." [Learn More](#)



## Roadside Solar Farms Thrive throughout Massachusetts

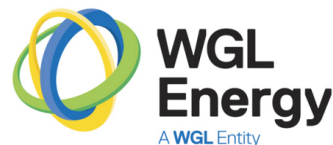
Five solar projects along the Massachusetts Turnpike and Route 3 are examples of a solar industry that continues to grow. The highway solar farms are part of an initiative launched by the state Department of Transportation. [Learn More](#)



## AFFILIATES CORNER

### NASEO Welcomes WGL Energy as Newest Affiliate Member

NASEO is pleased to announce its newest Affiliate member, WGL Energy, a leader in efficient and environmentally-friendly energy solutions for customers across the United States, provided by WGL Energy Services and WGL Energy Systems. [Learn More](#)



## CSE Establishes New Northeast Regional Office in Cambridge



The Center for Sustainable Energy recently announced the opening of its Northeast regional office in Cambridge, MA. CSE is broadening its efforts to help government agencies, utilities, businesses and residents throughout the region plan and achieve higher sustainable energy and efficiency goals. [Learn More](#)

## Alternative Fuel Turf Equipment Now Operating at 8 High-profile Golf Courses in Research Program with PERC



Propane-powered turf equipment is now maintaining the fairways, greens, and rough at eight U.S. golf courses originally selected in the fall of 2014 to participate in an inaugural research program with the Propane Education & Research Council. [Learn More](#)

## SparkFund Scraps Paperwork in Project Financing



SparkFund has eliminated all the pain in equipment and project financing--and gone are the days of selecting a bank, filling out pages of paperwork, getting statements audited, and finally, waiting for approval. [Learn More](#)

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## MORE NEWS AND UPDATES

**California Ramps Up Leadership in Energy Efficiency and Challenges Residents to Think of New Ways of Using Energy Smarter**

**DC Mayor Bowser Announces Re-Designation of DDOE as the Department of Energy and Environment**

**Explore DOE Building Technologies Office Projects in Your State Using New Projects Map**

**Maryland Looking to Reduce Energy Costs through PACE Financial Servicing and Maryland Clean Energy Council**

**Texas Development Plan to Bring 7,500 Energy Neutral Homes to Austin**

**USGBC Study Finds Green Construction is Major U.S. Economic Driver**

**Washington Department of Commerce to Design and Execute Clean Energy Fund Extension: Q&A with Energy Office Director**

### **Upcoming NASEO Events**

**NASEO Government Affairs Committee Conference Call: October 7, 2015, 2:30pm-3:30pm ET**

**NASEO 2015 Winter Energy Outlook Conference: October 6, 2015, Washington, DC**

### **Other Events**

**A National Summit on Smart Grid and Climate Change: October 13-14, 2015, Washington, DC**

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