

## **NASEO Releases Report on Grid-interactive Buildings**

NASEO's new report, *Grid-interactive Efficient Buildings: State Briefing Paper*, describes how grid-interactive efficient buildings (GEBs) can benefit the grid and building owners and occupants. New technologies that enable flexible load management open opportunities for buildings to reduce energy system stresses and provide grid services that can lower costs, reduce emissions, and improve energy resilience.

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**Grid-interactive  
Efficient Buildings:  
State Briefing Paper**



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## **Florida Proposes Significant Climate Legislation**

Last month, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Energy, hosted the 2019 Florida Energy and Climate Summit where participants learned how Florida is diversifying its energy sources and promoting energy efficiency. During the summit, Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Nicole "Nikki" Fried released the Florida Energy and Climate Plan.

## **NASEO and Utah Release Report on Alternative Fuels and Emergency Response**

A new NASEO report, Alternative Fuel



Vehicles and Emergency Plans: A Planning and Policy Report for Utah, examines how alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) can bolster resilience planning. In the event of a fuel supply disruption, alternative fuels provide a diverse set of resources which can be called upon to enhance emergency response.



## Iowa Releases RFP to Develop an Energy Storage Assessment for the State

The Iowa Economic Development Authority and Iowa Energy Office are initiating an energy storage assessment that will perform a review of related energy and economic development opportunities in Iowa. The assessment will also analyze state-specific data including battery supply chain, potential storage users, policies, regulations and the utility landscape.



## Utah's International Partnerships Push Energy Forward

In the past few months, Utah's Governor's Office of Energy Development (OED) has solidified key international partnerships with Canada, Mexico, India and Japan that will further energy collaboration across policy, development, education and innovation for years to come.

## Virginia's Biggest Renewables Contract to Date

Virginia now has the most substantial renewable energy contract in the United



States at 420 megawatts, thanks to a recent decision by Governor Ralph Northam. According to Utility Dive, the contract draws from solar and wind, leading to energy production that meets 45% of Virginia's yearly energy demand.



## USDA Announces Loan Program to Support Rural Electrification

On November 1, 2019, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced investments of \$1.4 billion to build and improve rural electric infrastructure in 21 states, with funding to be provided through the Electric Loan Program, which offers insured loans or loan guarantees to support the construction or maintenance of rural electric infrastructure.



## New Buildings in the Southeast Demonstrate the Future of The Built Environment

Last month, NASEO's Maddie Koewler visited three high-performance buildings in the Southeast that are pioneers in sustainable, smart, and integrated design.

## New EPA Group Targets Energy Efficiency in Distilleries

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



(EPA) is forming a new group which will produce an ENERGY STAR energy benchmark and eventual ENERGY STAR certification of distilleries. EPA requests the State Energy Offices' assistance in inviting distillers from your states who want to save energy and earn recognition for their efforts. Please contact [macri.daniel@epa.gov](mailto:macri.daniel@epa.gov) for more information.



## SEIA Discount Available to NASEO Members for Solar + Policy Summit

The Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) has offered a discounted invitation to NASEO members for its Solar + Policy Summit on December 4, 2019 in Washington, DC.



## Building Energy Code Online Voting Period Opens for States on Monday, November 18

The online voting period for the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code begins on Monday, November 18 and is open until December 5, 2019.

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NASEO Welcomes Newest Affiliate Member,  
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NASEO is pleased to welcome its newest Affiliate member, DEFENSEWERX, a U.S. Department of Defense partner intermediary that connects technologies to the military and market to secure a safe and prosperous nation.

## MORE NEWS AND UPDATES

### Upcoming NASEO Meetings

**NASEO Board of Directors Meeting: November 20-21, 2019 - Washington, DC**

**Energy Security and Data Analysis Workshop: December 2-3, 2019 - Hilton Washington DC National Mall, Washington, DC**

**2020 NASEO Energy Policy Outlook Conference: February 4-7, 2020 - Fairmont Hotel, Washington, DC**

**2020 NASEO Regional Meetings:**

- **Southeast Regional Meeting: April 1-2, 2020 - Birmingham, AL**
- **Midwest Regional Meeting: May 12-13, 2020 - Grand Rapids, MI**
- **Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting: June 2-3, 2020 - Charleston, WV**
- **Central Regional Meeting: June 4-5, 2020 - New Orleans, LA**
- **West Regional Meeting: June 16-17, 2020 - Santa Fe, NM**
- **Northeast Regional Meeting: date and location coming soon!**

### Upcoming NASEO Conference Calls and Webinars

**NASEO Government Affairs Committee Call: November 25, 2019, 2:30pm-3:30pm ET**

### Other Events

**EPA Training Opportunities with ENERGY STAR: November 19 - December 18, 2019**

**Upcoming eProject Builder Training Webinars: November 26 - December 12, 2019**

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