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The State Energy Program (SEP) awarded nearly \$5 million to 13 states to advance innovative approaches for local clean energy development that will reduce energy bills for American families and businesses, protect the environment by reducing carbon emissions, and increase our nation's energy security.

AREA OF INTEREST 1: STATE ENERGY PLANNING

Recipient	Key Partners	Topic Area	DOE Investment	Project Description
IDAHO (<i>Idaho Office of Energy Resources</i>)	California, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Western Interstate Energy Board, Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body, Western States Air Resources Council	State Energy Planning	\$500,000	Idaho, California, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington will partner to expand planning and coordination among western states and provinces in the Western interconnection to address emerging and potentially transformational challenges to the electric power system. The goal is to promote western electric power system reliability during a transition of increasing renewable energy, additional coal plant retirements, new environmental regulations, increased reliance on natural gas and expanding distributed generation.
ILLINOIS (<i>Illinois Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity</i>)	Illinois Commerce Commission, Illinois Power Agency, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, National Association of State Energy Officials, Robert W. Galvin Center for Electricity Innovation, Energy Resources	State Energy Planning	\$300,000	The project will utilize the resources of primary regulatory agencies, intensive stakeholder engagement, and advanced modeling to identify and coordinate the implementation of policy options that position energy efficiency and renewable energy as primary options for environmental compliance, economic development, system reliability, and cost stability.

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MICHIGAN <i>(Michigan Energy Office)</i>	Michigan Public Service Commission, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Public Sector Consultants	State Energy Planning	\$255,630	Michigan will work with its partners to develop a regulatory framework that aligns utility business interests and customer behavior with new clean energy goals and targets. Michigan will develop a clear definition of future clean energy goals; align state and federal policies with regulatory framework and utility business models; and effectively and cohesively implement goals through planning, analysis, and stakeholder engagement, a critical component of the two-year project.
MINNESOTA <i>(Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources)</i>	Minnesota Legislative Energy Commission, Rocky Mountain Institute, Energy Systems Consulting	State Energy Planning	\$300,000	Minnesota will work with partners to establish a baseline of the current energy landscape, develop near and long-term goals, and create an Energy Future Framework with an action-oriented strategy and timeline to protect the environment and create jobs. Using a comprehensive stakeholder engagement process, the goal of the project is to determine how quickly Minnesota can transition to a clean energy system while maintaining affordability and reliability.
SOUTH CAROLINA <i>(South Carolina Energy Office)</i>	North Carolina Energy Office, Advanced Energy, E4 Carolinas, UNC Charlotte's Energy Production and Infrastructure Center	State Energy Planning	\$425,000	South Carolina, North Carolina and partners will focus on convening state agencies, the electric power sector, natural gas providers and stakeholders to develop a strategy for solving energy issues and planning for the energy future. The states will develop state-specific energy roadmaps that focus on collaboration to improve the electric and natural gas sectors.

AREA OF INTEREST 2: OPPORTUNITIES FOR INNOVATIVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PRACTICES

Recipient	Key Partners	Topic Area	DOE Investment	Project Description
ALABAMA <i>(Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs)</i>	Arkansas Economic Development Commission – Energy Office, Nexus Energy, Earth Advantage, University of Arkansas Applied Sustainability Center, North	Opportunities for Innovative Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Practices	\$225,000	Alabama and Arkansas will develop a Home Performance Recognition program to deploy tools that improve energy efficiency uptake in the residential market. Both states will develop home energy scoring labels that will provide projected energy cost and performance information in a uniform manner. The goal is to help consumers, the construction industry and real

EnergyDivision)	Little Rock Electric, City of Fayetteville, Energy Efficiency Arkansas			estate professionals better understand and value the merits of energy efficiency investments. The program will demonstrate how states or localities can create their own labels by using already developed and accepted national standards and systems, such as DOE's Home Energy Score tool.
ARKANSAS (Arkansas Economic Development Commission – Energy Office)	Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Energy Division, Nexus Energy, Earth Advantage, University of Arkansas Applied Sustainability Center, North Little Rock Electric, City of Fayetteville, Energy Efficiency Arkansas	Opportunities for Innovative Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Practices	\$225,000	Arkansas and Alabama will develop a Home Performance Recognition program to deploy tools that improve energy efficiency uptake in the residential market. Both states will develop home energy scoring labels that provide projected energy cost and performance information. The goal is to help consumers, the construction industry and real estate professionals better understand the value and merits of energy efficiency investments. The program will demonstrate how states or localities can create their own labels by using pre-existing and accepted national standards and systems, such as DOE's Home Energy Score tool.
KENTUCKY (Dept for Energy Development & Independence)	Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, Kentucky Public Service Commission, Kentucky Division for Air Quality	Opportunities for Innovative Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Practices	\$300,000	Kentucky will develop an Evaluation, Measurement and Verification (EM&V) framework and protocols for utilizing energy efficiency as a building block for compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed Clean Power Plan. An EM&V framework and efficiency-to-carbon translation method will serve as the building blocks for implementing a carbon credit market in Kentucky and a means to track progress towards the Governor's energy reduction goal of 18% by 2025.
MINNESOTA (Minnesota Department of Commerce)	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, University of Minnesota (Technical Assistance Program), University of Illinois at Chicago (Energy Resources Center), and the Metropolitan Council (Tw in Cities)	Opportunities for Innovative Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Practices	\$279,432	The primary goals of this project are to decrease energy use in Minnesota municipal wastewater treatment facilities and scope opportunities for energy generation at suitable facilities. Minnesota will work with these facilities to execute implementation plans and measure and track results. It will also increase outreach by engaging facilities ready to move to the next stage of energy management, specifically investment in systems to capture renewable energy sources. This will include in-depth facility assessments for distributed energy generation.
NEW MEXICO (New Mexico	Bernalillo County, McKinley County, City of Las Cruces,	Opportunities for Innovative Energy	\$300,000	This project will remove barriers to energy efficiency and renewable energy investments by providing guidance to local

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department)	and City of Santa Fe	Efficiency and Renewable Energy Practices		governments relating to Energy Saving Performance Contracts (ESPCs). This project will drive demand for energy efficiency measures in public facilities among New Mexico's 33 counties and 105 municipalities, and reduce the energy usage of local government facilities by utilizing the ESPC process.
TEXAS (State Energy Conservation Office)	South-central Partnership for Energy Efficiency as a Resource (SPEER), Geo-Technical Research Institute/Houston Advanced Research Institute (GTRI/HARC)	Opportunities for Innovative Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Practices	\$275,000	Texas will aim to reduce soft costs associated with benchmarking and disclosure (B&D) by developing tools, processes, best practices and case studies and engaging the regulatory agency in Texas to ensure data access opportunities. A Benchmarking and Disclosure Guidebook will be developed to walk local jurisdictions through the process of developing robust B&D policies and programs applicable to the public and private sector. The goal of the program is to increase private sector benchmarking in nine large and mid-sized Texas cities while generating statewide interest in such programs to save energy.
VERMONT (Vermont Department of Public Service)	Green Mountain Power	Opportunities for Innovative Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Practices	\$249,966	Vermont will expand efforts in the standardization, modernization, and streamlining of distributed resources (DR) interconnection with a goal of maximizing DR deployment over the next two years. This project will focus on modernizing the state's primary interconnection standard, streamlining permitting and interconnection applications, and making detailed grid information necessary for the evaluation of interconnection available to DR developers.
VERMONT (Vermont Department of Public Service)	New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, GDS Associates, Inc., Energy Futures Group	Opportunities for Innovative Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Practices	\$380,000	Vermont and New Hampshire will develop a national model for building energy B&D for the residential, municipal and commercial sectors. Work products will include a step-by-step guidebook, toolkit, and webinars to speed national progress on B&D programs and policies. This project will tackle the many barriers obstructing building owners from investing in EE upgrades.
VIRGINIA (Virginia Dept. of Mines Minerals & Energy)	Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, Kentucky Department of Energy Development and Independence, National	Opportunities for Innovative Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Practices	\$498,249	Virginia, Georgia and Kentucky will together develop a consensus approach regarding evaluation, measurement and verification (EM&V) protocols that could help states integrate ESPCs into compliance plans for EPA's proposed Clean Power Plan. They will convene energy offices, utilities, clean air

	Association of State Energy Officials, Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance, National Association of Energy Service Companies, National Association of Clean Air Officials, and Clean Energy Solutions Inc.			agencies, regional EPA officials and other stakeholders in this project. The states will document and standardize their work to facilitate adoption by other state-wide ESPC and public, federal, or commercial facility retrofit programs.
WASHINGTON <i>(Washington Department of Commerce, State Energy Office)</i>	California Energy Commission, Oregon Dept. of Energy, British Columbia Ministry of Energy & Mines, The Institute for Market Transformation, Northwest Energy Efficiency Council, Smart Buildings Center, Ross Strategic	Opportunities for Innovative Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Practices	\$450,200	Washington, California, Oregon and British Columbia will partner to develop the Pacific Coast Collaborative (PCC) Mandatory Benchmarking and Disclosure Policy Plan and Legislative Strategy. The goals of the PCC is to pass state-wide legislation, or a series of local ordinances, which mandates specified buildings benchmark their utility data in the ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager.



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