



# Lessons in Commercial PACE Leadership: The Path from Legislation to Launch

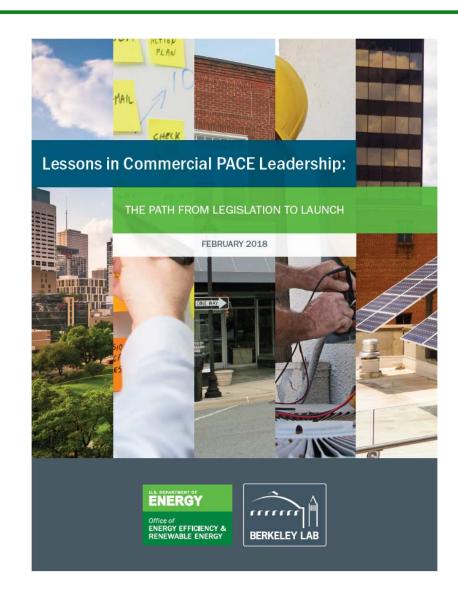
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#### **Overview**

#### Purpose:

- Review Lessons in
   Commercial PACE
   Leadership: The Path from
   Legislation to Launch,
   address attendee questions
- Launch DOE's C-PACEWorking Group NowRecruiting!



#### **Logistics**

- The recorded webinar, transcript and slides will be available online at: <a href="https://energy.gov/eere/slsc/state-and-local-solution-center">https://energy.gov/eere/slsc/state-and-local-solution-center</a>
- Attendees are in listen-only mode.
- Attendees are encouraged to type questions and feedback in the webinar interface tool throughout the webinar. We will have time at the end to answer questions.

#### **Agenda**

- Lessons in Commercial PACE Leadership
- C-PACE Working Group
- Q&A

## Poll Question #1

#### **Background**

#### C-PACE Market Overview





2012

2010

2014

2016

Source: PACENation, Market Data, Accessed on March 9, 2018

#### C-PACE Background Resources

- Commercial PACE: A Fact Sheet for State and Local Governments (DOE)
- PACENation



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# Agenda

Overview and context

High-level takeaways

Enabling C-PACE

Set up

Program launch

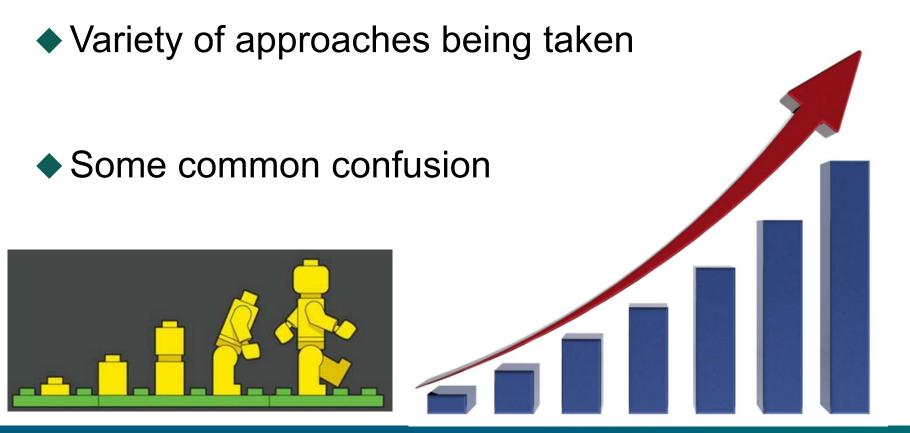


#### Overview and context

- Motivation: Gap between states with legislation and those with active programs
- Audience: Program sponsors (i.e., those tasked with setting up a C-PACE program) at the start of developing a program
- Objective: Help program sponsors ID and understand key decision points, available options and tradeoffs involved in those options
- Methodology:
  - Literature review
  - Steering Committee
  - Stakeholder interviews

# High level takeaways

C-PACE is a quickly evolving and growing area



# **Enabling C-PACE**

- Enabling legislation
  - Importance
  - Key provisions



- Program administrative structure
  - Different structures
  - Standardization

# **Enabling C-PACE: Enabling Legislation**

#### Importance

Sets the framework within which the program sponsor can design and implement the program

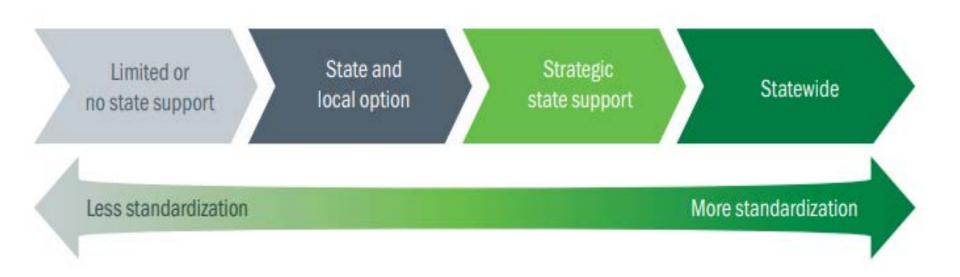
#### Key provisions

- Definitions and treatment of assessments
- Authorizations (e.g., to set up special assessment districts, levy assessments and enforce liens)
- Mortgage holder consent
- Program capitalization
- General categories of improvements
- Underwriting and qualifying guidelines
- Guidelines on performance (e.g., energy savings)

# **Enabling C-PACE: Administrative Structure**

Model	Description
Statewide	One statewide program administrator
State and local option	Statewide program coexists with locally- or privately-administered programs
Strategic state support	State gives guidance to local and private program administrators
Limited or no state support	No state involvement or limited state involvement (beyond enabling legislation)

#### **Enabling C-PACE: Administrative Structure**



# POLL Q#2

# Set up

- Capitalization
  - Funding mechanism
  - Capital provider
  - Funding process



 Qualification of properties, measures, projects, and building owners

 Estimation and documentation of cost savings and other impacts

Funding mechanisms:

Direct funding—capital providers lend directly to a C-PACE project

 Bonding—revenue bonds issued by an authorized entity are used to capitalize C-PACE projects

- Capital providers
  - Specialty capital providers
  - Financial institutions
  - Governments



 Who can participate may depend on enabling legislation

#### Capital providers

	Closed market model	Open market model
Definition and mechanics	Program relies on a single provider of capital to fund C-PACE assessments	Building owners can choose among multiple capital providers
Examples	Sonoma County Energy Independence Program (SCEIP)	Connecticut C-PACE Texas C-PACE

Funding process

- Servicing the C-PACE assessment
- Timing of the funding process

# Set up: Qualification

- Qualifying building owners and projects
  - Mortgage holder consent
  - Proof of ownership
  - Current on obligations
  - Financial limits (e.g., debt-service coverage ratio, combined loan-to-value ratio, assessment to value ratio)
  - Expected project savings
- Qualifying measures
  - Energy efficiency, renewables, water efficiency
  - Other distributed energy resources
  - Resilience measures

#### Set up: Savings estimation and documentation

Should energy audits be required?

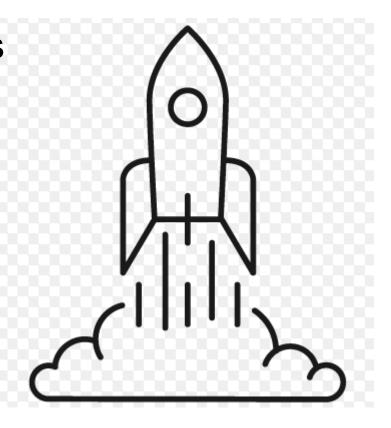
Should some level of savings be required for eligibility (e.g., a savings-to-investment ratio (SIR) >1)?

Should savings impacts be documented and, if so, how?

# Program launch

Stakeholder engagement

Ongoing operations and costs



#### Program launch: Stakeholder engagement

- Important stakeholder groups to engage
  - Local governments
  - Building owners
  - Contractors
  - Utilities
  - Capital providers
  - Existing mortgage holders

Engagement strategies



#### Program launch: Ongoing operations and costs

- Ongoing operations tasks
  - Administrative processes
  - Funding
  - Quality Assurance / Quality Control (QA/AC)

Program set up costs

Participant fee structures



#### For more

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## **Poll Question #3**

#### **Overview**

The C-PACE Working Group is a cohort of state and local governments working together to learn about, launch, and refine commercial property assessed clean energy (C-PACE) programs. This U.S. Department of Energy initiative will leverage technical assistance from leading C-PACE experts and market partners to:

- Develop tools and solutions to barriers facing state and local governments;
- Convene and create peer exchanges to showcase public-sector leadership and effective public-private partnerships; and
- Provide information from leading technical experts.

The goal of these efforts is to stimulate an investment of **\$60 million C-PACE** investments by **2022**.

#### **Who Should Participate?**

#### State and Local Government Track

Observers – State and local governments with an interest in exploring C-PACE, but without the state level C-PACE enabling legislation or other constraints that prevent partner participation.

Partners – State and local governments with state level C-PACE enabling legislation, but no program, or very limited project financing completed to-date.

Advisors – State and local governments with state level C-PACE enabling legislation, a program, and multiple projects financed. These participants are valued members of the Working Group and serve as advisors to the observers and partners.

#### **Market Partner Track**

Companies and organizations directly impacted by or specializing in C-PACE financing, including:

- PACE Trade Associations
- Third Party Program Administrators
- Capital Providers
- Commercial Lenders (banks providing consent for PACE assessments)
- Contractors and Energy Service Companies
- Commercial Property Owners
- Others as appropriate

#### Why Participate and What is the Commitment?

Participant Benefits	Participant Commitments
1. DOE provides access to technical assistance and market expertise in the form of regular webinars, peer exchanges, and one-on-ones.	State and Local Partners - Participate in Working Group webinars, peer exchanges, and other events (1-2 hours per month).
2. Emphasis on supporting <i>Partner</i> -identified C-PACE milestones and providing <i>Partner</i> -driven technical assistance.	- Make a <b>good-faith effort</b> to achieve <u>four</u> or more C-PACE milestones by 2020, and periodically demonstrate progress.
3. DOE recognition for overcoming C-PACE barriers.	Observers - Ad hoc participation.
4. Educational and business development opportunities for <i>Market Partners</i> .	Market Partners and Advisors - Commit time and expertise as requested by state and local partners (~6 hours per year).

#### What Topics Will the C-PACE Working Group Address?

Technical assistance will be directed at supporting state and local partners achieve <u>four</u> (4) or more C-PACE milestones by 2020. Milestones include:

- A. Assemble a state or local C-PACE Task Force or Advisory Committee;
- B. Review existing C-PACE enabling legislation and verify consistency with best practices;
- C. Execute a stakeholder engagement plan;
- D. Draft, adopt, or revise program guidelines;
- E. Evaluate program administrator options (third party or public);
- F. Select a program administrator (third party or public);
- G. Adopt a local resolution or ordinance;
- H. Determine eligibility for a capital provider;
- I. Conduct contractor training;
- J. Execute a C-PACE marketing plan;
- K. Close a C-PACE financed project;
- L. Other (Partners may propose one milestone that is not captured in the above list).

#### **How to Learn More and Sign Up**

#### Download and Read the C-PACE Working Group Fact Sheet

Available online here: <a href="https://www.energy.gov/eere/slsc/downloads/c-pace-working-group-fact-sheet">https://www.energy.gov/eere/slsc/downloads/c-pace-working-group-fact-sheet</a>

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  by <a href="mailto:April 20">April 20</a>, <a href="mailto:2018">2018</a>.

#### **Questions?**

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#### **Thank You**

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