

Strategic and Interagency Initiatives

Overview

The Strategic and Interagency Initiatives (SI2) team within the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) **Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs Office** in DOE's **Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy** helps states and localities meet their energy objectives for underserved communities. The SI2 team does so through deep-dive initiatives, development of data, and creation of topic-specific resources. These efforts support a future where underserved entities can better afford their energy costs through efficiency and renewable measures.

Promoting Cross-Agency Collaboration

Recognizing the need to make it easier to navigate federal resources, the SI2 team led a staff-level interagency collaborative to promote energy solutions for underserved communities through information sharing and alignment of practices. Available resources and tools from eight participating federal agencies can be found in the Low-Income Energy Library.¹

¹This library does not contain resources developed by DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).



A strut-and-post titled plane array on a rooftop on a multifamily apartment building in Brooklyn. Photo by Bright Power, Inc.

Advancing Strategies for Low-Income Communities

SI2 completed DOE's **Clean Energy for Low Income Communities Accelerator (CELICA)** and created the online **CELICA Toolkit**, which includes case studies, issue briefs, and tools for developing non-weatherization low-income energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. These materials are the product of CELICA's 2-year partnership with 37 stakeholders from state and local governments, community agencies, nonprofits, and utilities. These partners successfully leveraged resources to commit up to \$335 million to help 155,000 underserved households access the cost-saving benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.

CELICA Local Partner Map



