

# 2022 State Energy Program (SEP) National Training Forum

Embassy Suites Denver Downtown

Tuesday, September 27 – Thursday, September 29, 2022

## Day 1: Tuesday, September 27

8:30 a.m.-  
9:00 a.m.

### Opening Remarks

- **Amy Kidd**, Acting Manager for State Energy Program, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Dr. Henry McKoy**, Director, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy

9:00 a.m.-  
11:00 a.m.

### Peer Exchange

Let's kick off the Forum with an icebreaker and a round robin opportunity to discuss how your state is approaching incorporating equitable strategies into energy program design. Whether in initial phases, or further down the road, this time is dedicated for state-led peer-to-peer sharing.

11:00 a.m.-  
11:15 a.m.

### Break

11:15 a.m.-  
12:30 p.m.

### Mandatory Requirements Added by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

States will present on the actions they have taken to address the State Energy Security Plan and Transmission and Distribution mandatory requirements added by IIJA. The initial planning process to identify gaps, strategies for meeting requirements, and pathways towards implementation will be discussed.

- **Pete Gingrass**, Project Officer for State Energy Program, U.S. Department of Energy
- **John Parks**, Electricity Markets and Transmission Policy Analyst, Colorado Energy Office
- **Carlos R. Tejera Fernandez**, SEP Manager/Energy Security Coordinator, Department of Economic Development and Commerce of Puerto Rico

12:45 p.m.-  
1:45 p.m.

### Lunch

2:00 p.m.-  
3:00 p.m.

### Environmental Justice and Stakeholder Engagement

Identifying and engaging stakeholders can be critical to the success of your project or program, and full communication is a key to success. Questions to be explored during this session include: Who are the players that can help inform the delivery of programs? How do you ensure that you have the right people in the room? How do you achieve community buy-in and ensure everyone has a seat at the table?

- **Natasha Gonder**, Government Analyst II, Florida Office of Energy
- **Kirsten Turner**, Deputy Energy Officer, Hawaii State Energy Office
- **Jennifer Grove**, Managing Director, Washington State Department of Commerce
- **Kelsie Bell**, Project Officer for State Energy Program, U.S. Department of Energy

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3:00 p.m.-  
4:00 p.m.

### Working with Local Government to Address Barriers to Clean Energy Deployment

States are increasingly partnering with local governments to support energy goals. Such partnerships can bolster meaningful community engagement and ensure projects achieve clean energy goals in an equitable manner. This session will summarize an exciting new technical assistance offering from DOE designed to help states address barriers to siting and permitting clean energy infrastructure. It will also showcase how Michigan has successfully partnered with local governments on clean energy deployment.

- **Greg Dierkers**, Acting Team Lead for State Energy Program, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Kendra Kostek**, Renewable Energy Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Julie Staveland**, Manager, Sustainability Section, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)

4:00 p.m.-  
4:30 p.m.

### EPA State and Local Climate and Energy Program

DOE is not the only agency offering technical assistance services to state, local and tribal governments to achieve their environmental, energy and economic objectives. Learn about the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) State and Local Climate and Energy Program that offers free plug and play tools (like AVERT and COBRA), best practice resources, and technical expertise that complement resources offered by DOE.

- **Colby Tucker**, Senior Policy Analyst, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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## Day 2: Wednesday, September 28

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10:00 a.m.

### Federal Regulations

Understanding the Federal regulations and provisions applicable to your DOE award is critical. Expect an overview of the Terms and Conditions of your award as well as a discussion around State responsibilities regarding the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Buy American, and Davis Bacon wage requirements.

- **Henry Fowler**, Project Officer for State Energy Program, U.S. Department of Energy
- **James Cash**, Financial Assistance Policy Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Diana Heyder**, NEPA Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Adam DeDent**, Legal Counsel, U.S. Department of Energy

10:00 a.m.-  
11:00 a.m.

### Allowable Uses of SEP Funds

- This session will cover the many allowable uses of funds and flexibility in the types of programs and projects States can choose to pursue through SEP. Expect an overview of the “must know” aspects of allowable costs specified in 2 CFR 200 and plan to engage in an interactive discussion around how peers are determining the best ways to leverage SEP with outside funding sources.
- **Greg Davoren**, Team Lead for State Energy Program, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Robyn Reyes-Boyle**, Energy Resource Professional, Energy Bureau, Montana Department of Environmental Quality

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### Workforce Development

This session will cover SEP’s Workforce Development Initiative and NREL’s recent report outlining state-level employment projections in the energy sector. Expect an overview of the report, sharing of best practices, and upcoming workforce development opportunities.

- **Megan Plog**, Project Officer for State Energy Program, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Sarah Truitt**, Project Manager IV-Research, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)
- **Julia Sullivan**, Sustainable Buildings Researcher, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

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### Lunch with Keynote from the Colorado State Energy Office

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2:00 p.m.-  
3:30 p.m.

### Administrative Best Practices

This session will include an overview of the relationship between DOE and SEO staff, PAGE reporting, and actions requiring Contracting Officer approval. Participants will also be offered a peer sharing opportunity to discuss best practices for effective communication between financial administrators and program Managers.

- **Julie Howe**, Project Officer for State Energy Program, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Pete Davis**, Team Lead for State Energy Program, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Emily Wilbur**, Deputy Director of the Division of Energy for the State of Missouri
- **Jennifer Senner**, Grants Officer for the Oregon Department of Energy

3:30 p.m.-  
4:30 p.m.

### Technical Assistance Resources: What's Available Now and Previewing What's to Come

This session will include an overview of DOE's existing tools and resources available to inform state energy offices. Additionally, the session will preview forthcoming technical assistance opportunities to support states with implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

- **Amy Kidd**, State Energy Program Acting Manager, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Sean Williamson**, Advisor for Partnerships and Technical Assistance, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Laura Carpenter**, Advisor for Partnerships and Technical Assistance, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Monica Andrews**, Project Officer for State Energy Program, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Greg Dierkers**, Acting Team Lead for State Energy Program, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Pete Gingrass**, Project Officer for State Energy Program, U.S. Department of Energy

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11:00 a.m.

### Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Bootcamp

A dedicated RLF bootcamp to explore strategies to employ and elements to adopt when designing and delivering RLF programs. Delivered in partnership with the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab (LBNL), this session will review the potential impacts of an RLF, successful models, and will provide an overview of financing terms and processes.

- **Julie Howe**, Project Officer for State Energy Program, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Sean Williamson**, Advisor for Partnerships and Technical Assistance, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Greg Leventis**, Program Manager, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL)
- **Jeff Pitkin**, Senior Consultant to Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL)

11:00 a.m.-  
11:30 a.m.

### Wrap up, Final Thoughts

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