

Energy Technologies: End-Use Efficiency

Quick Facts

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partnership
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Connecting
communities
with energy
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Current Status

AEA continues to manage the State Energy Program (SEP) federal funds for Alaska, sharing revenue 50/50 with the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC).

AEA provided technical assistance (TA) to 13 communities chosen in Phase II of US Department of Energy's Remote Alaska Communities Energy Efficiency (RACEE) competition. TA was intended to identify economic efficiency projects in community facilities that could be developed into loan applications if grant funding was not secured. Upon the completion of Phase II AEA began organizing a RACEE Peer Network, which currently consists of a year-long monthly webinar series featuring various aspects of potential community energy saving opportunities. AEA will work with RACEE communities to help develop energy efficiency projects, connect with appropriate funding/financing tools and map out a realistic plan to achieving the 15% by 2020 pledge made in Phase I of the initiative.

AEA is also currently organizing the second annual Energy Project Finance Seminar & Project Deal Room. Working closely with the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the event this year will take place in Anchorage on March 1 and Fairbanks on March 2.

Finally, AEA is preparing for the anticipated need to provide technical support for Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) legislation in the upcoming session. AEA has been actively engaged in conversation with the governor's office about the merits of C-PACE and a path to implementation since collaboratively organizing the grant-funded National Governor's Association Energy Efficiency Policy Retreat in September 2016.

Program Overview

AEA's Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EE&C) program is working to achieve the State's 15 percent by 2020 energy efficiency goal through a variety of means. Current initiatives include follow-ups from USDOE's RACEE competition, a National Governor's Association (NGA) Energy Efficiency Policy Retreat, the Village Energy Efficiency Program, Commercial Building Energy Audit program, industrial audit toolkit, statewide outreach, and technical assistance with regional and community level energy efficiency planning and implementation.

Ongoing Partnerships

Stakeholder engagement is managed through the Alaska Energy Efficiency Partnership. The Partnership has more than 70 member organizations and creates opportunity for collaboration and synergy among statewide stakeholders. On behalf of the Partnership, AEA built and maintains a central hub of energy efficiency information, Akenergyefficiency.org. Outreach and education within EE&C includes a strong public education campaign that uses top-down, media driven marketing and bottom-up, stakeholder-led local initiatives that redistribute the same messages.