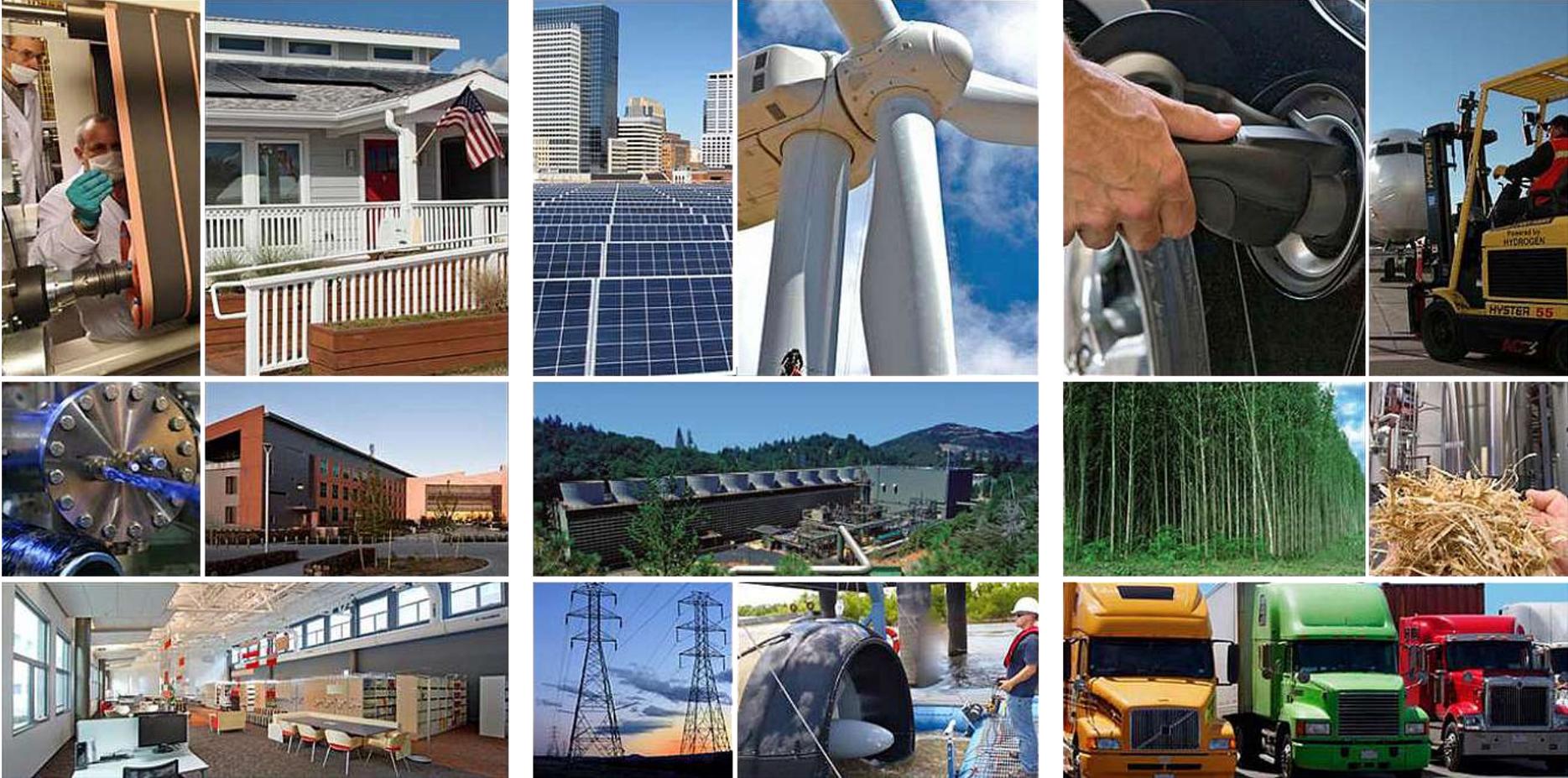


# State Energy Program



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Energy Efficiency &  
Renewable Energy

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# DOE and State Goals

## DOE Goals:

1. *Collaborate* with the Competitive Cooperative Agreement awardees to create successful energy efficiency programs
2. *Understand* what makes a successful program
3. *Share* this information with the SEO networks and stakeholders like NASEO
4. *Replicate* successes across the country
5. *Save energy!*

## State Goals:

1. *Develop* easy and effective energy efficiency policy frameworks
2. *Implement* successful programs
3. *Learn* through the process
4. *Share* lessons learned with peer states, cohorts and DOE
5. *Save energy!*

# Overview

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- The SEP competitive funding opportunity provides up to \$5 million for cooperative agreements that allow States to develop high-impact, innovative approaches and solutions to transform clean energy (including energy efficiency and renewable energy) markets and achieve the economic and environmental benefits that clean energy offers.
- This competitive Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) allows States to compete for funding designed to meet EERE's nationally focused initiatives for the fundamental and permanent transformation of markets across all sectors of the economy.
- This FOA includes two Areas of Interest: (1) State Energy Planning and (2) Innovative Opportunities for EE and RE Practices.

# Anticipated Schedule for FY15 FOA

<b>FOA Issue Date:</b>	<b>January 20, 2015</b>
<b>FOA Informational Webinar:</b>	January 27, 2015
<b>Submission Deadline for Full Applications:</b>	March 31, 2015 5p.m. Eastern
<b>Expected Date for EERE Selection Notifications:</b>	July 20, 2015
<b>Expected Timeframe for Award Negotiations:</b>	July 20, 2015 through October 31, 2015

# Area of Interest 2

## Innovative Opportunities for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Practices

- Description

- The purpose of this Area of Interest is to assist States in advancing residential, commercial and/or industrial markets for energy efficiency and renewable energy through a set of policy and regulatory actions within a topical portfolio of three Transformative Categories:

- **Transformative Category 1: Developing or Expanding Utility-Related Programs**

- **Transformative Category 2: Working with Local Governments**

- **Transformative Category 3: Developing or Designing Financing Programs, EM&V Strategies, or Benchmarking & Disclosure Programs**

- DOE's goal is to provide broad flexibility to States in determining which policy, program, and regulatory areas to address in a project while also focusing on those actions that can achieve the greatest energy savings and other benefits for the State or region, and the nation as a whole. It is also a key goal of DOE under this Area of Interest to promote the most innovative ideas from States tailored to their specific energy resources and profiles.

# Area of Interest 2

## Innovative Opportunities for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Practices

- Transformative Category 2:

### **Working with Local Governments**

*Proposals may address a single topic OR may integrate multiple topics:*

- Topic #1: Working with Local Governments on Advanced Policies and/or Programs
- Topic #2: Working with Local Governments to Address Underserved Sectors
- Topic #3: Working with Local Governments to Address Wastewater Facilities



# Why Wastewater?

- Water and wastewater utilities are critical to the success of a community's efforts to improve energy efficiency and address climate-related issues. These utilities are usually the largest consumers of energy in communities—often comprising 30-40% of a community's overall energy consumption.
- States interested in implementing a strategy related to water or wastewater utilities are asked to submit a proposal that focuses on providing energy efficiency training and technical assistance to public entities that provide water and/or wastewater services. These entities could include county, city, or separate utilities providing these services.

# Application Details

- To apply to this FOA, Applicants must register with and submit application materials through EERE Exchange at <https://eere-Exchange.energy.gov>, EERE's online application portal.
- Eligibility is restricted to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.
- Partnerships with stakeholder groups are encouraged.
- Specific merit review criterion related to wastewater applications is on pages 42-43 and page 46 of the FOA.
- FOA is posted on EERE Exchange and at <http://energy.gov/eere/wipo/downloads/state-energy-program-2015-funding-opportunity-announcement>
- Questions? Email [SEPFY15FOA1222@ee.doe.gov](mailto:SEPFY15FOA1222@ee.doe.gov)