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August Newsletter

Friends—

I hope you are staying cool and enjoying the summer, even as record-breaking heat waves in much of the country drive home the urgency of climate action.

ACEEE is expanding its efforts to ensure new homes and commercial buildings are built to be energy efficient. We are pleased to have been awarded funding of \$9.6 million over five years by the U.S. Department of Energy to establish the [National Energy Codes Collaborative](#), a major nationwide effort to help states and cities implement updated building energy codes. Through capacity-building and technical assistance, ACEEE and partner organizations will help jurisdictions adopt codes that cut planet-warming emissions, reduce utility bills, and create safer, more comfortable buildings.

We launched a second collaboration—the [Industrial Heat Pump Alliance](#)—with partners during our Industry Summer Study last month. Heat pumps can meet many process heat needs in the industrial sector and significantly reduce energy use, operating costs, and greenhouse gas emissions, particularly when powered by renewable energy. The Industrial Heat Pump Alliance will help industries implement these essential technologies.

Thank you, as always, for your interest in our work.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve'.

Steven Nadel
Executive Director

Efficiency Update

- Last week, the Department of Energy (DOE) [announced](#) guidance for states and territories to apply for the two Home Energy Rebate programs created by the Inflation Reduction Act. The programs will provide \$8.5 billion to states and territories to reduce energy costs and increase efficiency in homes by making home energy upgrades more affordable. DOE has asked states and territories to prioritize households that stand to benefit the most from the funds, including allocating at least half of the funds to households with incomes at or below 80% of their area median income.
- Recently [proposed](#) DOE efficiency standards for residential water heaters would deliver some of the most significant energy bill savings and greenhouse gas reductions of any appliance standard to date. The biggest single impact of the standards would be from shifting most new electric tank models to heat pump technology. The standards are generally similar to recommendations from a multi-stakeholder [coalition](#).

Our Latest Research



[How Can Utility Efficiency Programs Integrate New Federal Funds?](#)

This policy brief explores how managers of efficiency programs can start planning to integrate new federal funds with their existing efforts.



[Innovative Local Policies Can Bring Energy-Saving Upgrades to More Homes](#)

This guidebook identifies strategies from leading cities to help make owner-occupied housing more energy efficient, especially for low-income homeowners and homeowners of color.



[Monitoring-Based Commissioning Can Cut Commercial Building Energy Use and Peak Demand](#)

Monitoring-based commissioning is a process of monitoring building system operations to identify and correct inefficiencies. This topic brief examines six leading programs.



[Strategic Energy Management Should Expand to Focus on Decarbonization](#)

This white paper explores how strategic energy management programs—which have long helped industry and other businesses reduce their energy costs—can support decarbonization.

See all our recent [blog posts](#) and [press releases](#).

ACEEE in Action



Scenes from our 2023 Industry Summer Study last month.

What We're Reading

A few of our favorite media highlights from the past month:

- The [Washington Post](#), [Smart Cities Dive](#), and [Route Fifty](#) reported on new federal grants on building codes, including the grant to ACEEE.
- A [Politico](#) story chronicling the phaseout of incandescent light bulbs quoted ASAP executive director Andrew deLaski.

- [Bloomberg News](#) quoted federal policy director Lowell Ungar on Florida potentially not accepting federal home energy rebate funds.

News You Can Use

Resources that may be helpful to community-based organizations and others in the energy efficiency sector:

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently released a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the \$6 billion [Clean Communities Investment Accelerator](#) competition. Through the competition, EPA will provide grants to two to seven hub nonprofits to deliver funding and technical assistance to build the clean financing capacity of local community lenders working in low-income and disadvantaged communities. The deadline for applications is October 12.
- EPA also released the \$14 billion [National Clean Investment Fund](#) Notice of Opportunity to provide grants to two or three national nonprofit clean financing institutions that can partner with the private sector to provide accessible financing for tens of thousands of clean technology projects across the United States. The deadline for applications is October 12.

Staff Update



Miriam Inaimi joins ACEEE as RAY fellow. Miriam holds a bachelor of science from Western Washington University. She will conduct research and outreach to support ACEEE's federal and local policy work.

We're hiring! ACEEE is seeking an [industry program director](#) and [IT support specialist](#).

Upcoming Events








October 16–18, Philadelphia
Early bird registration is open!



November 12–15, Sacramento

To contribute community news items, please email [Mary Robert Carter](mailto:Mary.Robert.Carter).

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