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Upcoming Webinar: Models for Promoting Electric Vehicles Within Your Community

Date and Time To Be Announced

In our upcoming webinar, we will be exploring how municipalities are supporting and expanding electric vehicle infrastructure. Different local government strategies for facilitating and increasing electric vehicle use among the public will be investigated. Local governments have found that developing electric vehicle support programs and policies have multiple benefits for their communities including promoting energy security, reducing greenhouse gases and taking advantage of available incentives.

For videos and materials from past webinars, please visit our webinar archive.
Sustainable Energy Bond Program Allows Public Agencies to Build Clean Energy Infrastructure through Self-Funding Financing

The California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA), which is co-sponsored by the League of California Cities and California State Association of Counties, is teaming with the Foundation for Renewable Energy and Environment (FREE) to provide public agencies and nonprofit organizations throughout California with access to tax exempt financing for sustainable energy investments.

The Sustainable Energy Bond (SEB) Program is a proven, self-funding approach to building infrastructure investment that enables you to make sustainable improvements to your facilities that will produce guaranteed reductions in energy and water costs while freeing up your capital budgets to focus on the essentials of fulfilling your core mission.

SEB Program benefits include guaranteed dollar savings on energy and water, no upfront capital required, and participants own all improvements and benefits.

For more information, please download the SEB Program Fact Sheet.

If you are interested in learning more about how your city or county can take advantage of this exciting and innovative program, contact info@freefutures.org or (212) 705-8758.

Counties Have Ample Opportunity to Increase Energy Savings in County-Owned Buildings

The National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS) have released a study on energy use in county buildings, in addition to creating a useful resource for counties across the country. The National County Building Database allows counties to compare their facilities' energy performance to similar types of buildings, as well as track the performance of their own buildings over time. The study, Energy Efficient County Buildings: Realizing Money & Energy-Saving Opportunities, found that 33% of county facilities have an annual source Energy Use Intensity (EUI) below the EPA's national median. EUI conveys a building's energy use as a function of its size, so a building with a low EUI signifies good energy performance. Close to half of county facilities have an annual EUI at least twice the EPA's national median, according to the report. As a result, many counties can see energy savings gains of 10-20% in their buildings by "implementing low-to-no-cost improvements and cost-neutral improvements that can be financed by a third party and paid over time through resulting energy and operational cost savings."

The report also found that tracking energy in buildings realized significant savings by allowing counties to identify "areas with cost savings potential" and "anomalies in cost and use data." The report is a result of a database developed by NACo that is composed of interviews with nearly 400 counties and energy information from at least 90 counties.

The report, Energy Efficient County Buildings: Realizing Money and Energy-Saving Opportunities, can be found on the Energy Star website.
Property-Assessed Clean Energy Financed Project Facts

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing

2007
Year the first PACE program was implemented by the City of Berkeley, CA.

2008
Year that CA passed first legislation allowing for PACE.

31
Number of states where PACE legislation is enacted.

400
Number of municipalities where PACE is available.

4
Number of states + D.C. that have funded PACE projects.

26
Number of active PACE programs.

$43 million
Amount of money issued for PACE programs.

190
Number of commercial projects completed.

Facts from PACENow Market Dashboard - Nov 2013

Get these and more PACE facts from the PACENow website.
Toolkit for Community Plug-in Electric Vehicle Readiness

Released by the California Plug-in Electric Vehicle Collaborative, *A Toolkit for Community Plug-in Electric Vehicle Readiness* directs local officials through the process to become "PEV Ready". The toolkit provides five actions for local governments to follow, and seven additional actions for expanding the program. The core actions are to 1) update zoning and parking policies, 2) update building codes, 3) streamline permitting and inspection processes, 4) participate in local official training and education programs, and 5) reach out to local residents and businesses.

The toolkit and additional resources can be found on the [California Plug-in Electric Vehicle Collaborative website](http://www.calgovplugged.com).

A Look Back at 2013

As 2013 comes to a close, we want to welcome and thank everyone that became an affiliate of Applied Solutions this year. This year, we saw the following local governments join us in building a clean economy:

- City of Austin, TX
- City of Bozeman, MT
- DuPage County, IL
- Dutchess County, NY
- Grant County Solid Waste Division, WA
- King County, WA
- City of Memphis Light, Gas, and Water Division, TN
- City of St. Petersburg, FL
- Taos County, NM
- Town of Yarmouth, MA

Thank you!

Here's to 2014 and having more local governments and partners become a part of the clean economy! Happy New Year!

A list of all local government affiliates can be found on our [Local Government Affiliate page](http://www.appliedsolutionsinc.com/localgovernmentaffiliates).

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