2015 has been a busy year so far as we continue working on local government clean and efficient energy, water-use and transportation projects. Below are some recent headlines that have captured our interest. What topics do you find valuable to your community? 
Let us know.

CURRENT NEWS AND RESOURCES

Webinar: Innovative Financing Ideas for Energy and Infrastructure Improvement Projects

In this free webinar hosted by American City and County magazine tomorrow, participants will hear from facility managers on a variety of financing options for energy and infrastructure improvement projects. Participants will also learn how to maintain public facilities with a long-term finance plan. Read more.

Alaska's 99 Percent Renewable Community

In the Town of Kodiak, Alaska, a cooperative electric utility has achieved over 99 percent renewable energy electric generation. The Kodiak Electric Association, assisted by the Alaska Renewable Development Fund, has integrated hydropower, wind, and battery storage which has allowed them to greatly reduce the use of diesel while lowering energy costs. Read more.

Article: A Lesson in Solar from a Northern Neighbor

The Institute for Local Self-Reliance asks the question "What can we learn from Ontario when it comes to solar policy?" Even though the Canadian province has poor solar resources, they have become a leader in the solar arena with 1,500 MW of installed solar capacity. Turns out that it has to do with Ontario's feed-in tariff program. Read more.

Report: State Policies Explored in 50 States of Solar

A new report released by the North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center, examines state policies for incentivizing distributed solar across the United States. "50 States of Solar: A Quarterly Look at America's Fast-Evolving Distributed Solar Policy Conversation" reviews 70 policy changes revolving around issues such as net energy metering, community solar, distributed generation and fixed customer charges. Read more.
Blog: Community-based Climate Change Risk Reduction

Communities can address climate change impacts through establishing community partnerships, identifying community vulnerabilities, identifying actions to reduce or mitigate these vulnerabilities, and generating public, political, and financial support needed to implement these actions. Read more.

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