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Welcome to the inaugural edition of *DOE BECP Provisions*, a regular publication from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Building Energy Codes Program (BECP). This newsletter will keep you updated on what's happening in the world of building energy codes, including state and local code adoptions, project highlights, upcoming events, publications, and more. [We appreciate any feedback.](#)

Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

On March 4, DOE issued the second installment of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation (RECI) Initiative, announcing \$90 million in funding to support building energy code adoption, training, and technical assistance at the state, tribal, and local level. This FOA maintains the same broad format, flexibility, and crosscutting areas of interest, while emphasizing and prioritizing specific gaps, needs, and opportunities to support building energy codes identified as focal points through the first RECI FOA and continued stakeholder engagement.

With an emphasis on strategic partnerships, DOE will maintain a teaming partner list to help facilitate the formation of project teams for this FOA. To participate in this opportunity to implement updated energy codes, submit your concept paper by April 5.

If you have questions about the FOA, please e-mail RECI_FOA@ee.doe.gov.

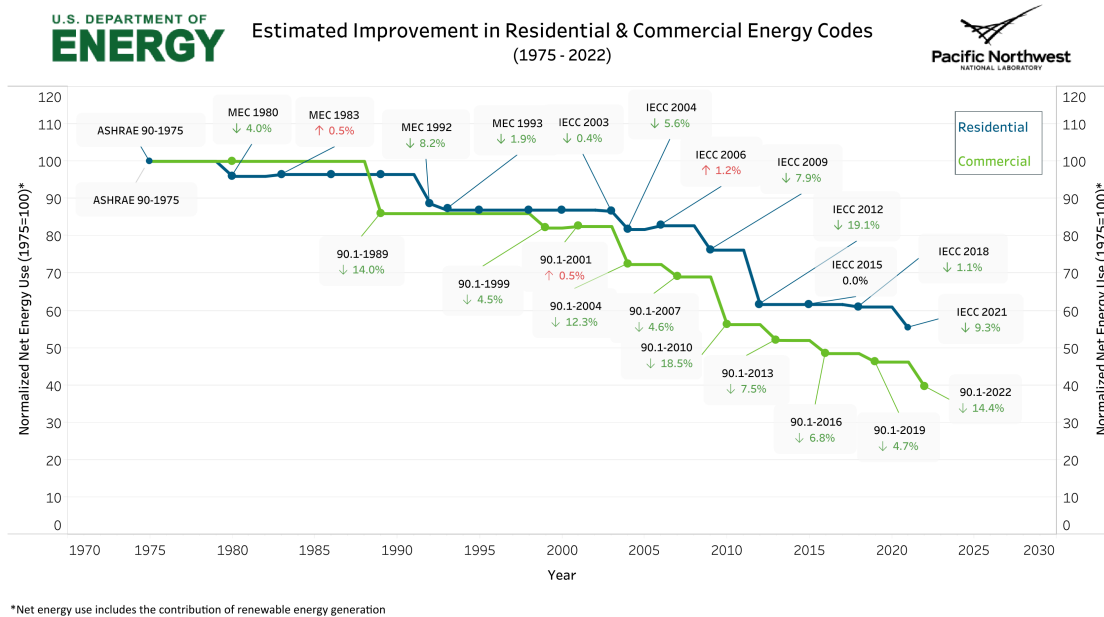
[Read the full press release.](#)

DOE Issues Commercial Determination

DOE has issued a determination that the updated model energy code for commercial buildings, ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2022, will result in national site energy savings of 9.8%, source energy savings of 9.4%, energy cost savings of 8.9%, and carbon emissions savings of 9.3%, when compared to the 2019 version.

renewables. When accounting for the impact of onsite renewable energy systems, the national average site energy savings estimate increases from 9.8% to 14% (referenced as “net” savings compared to Standard 90.1-2019).

[Read the full determination here.](#)



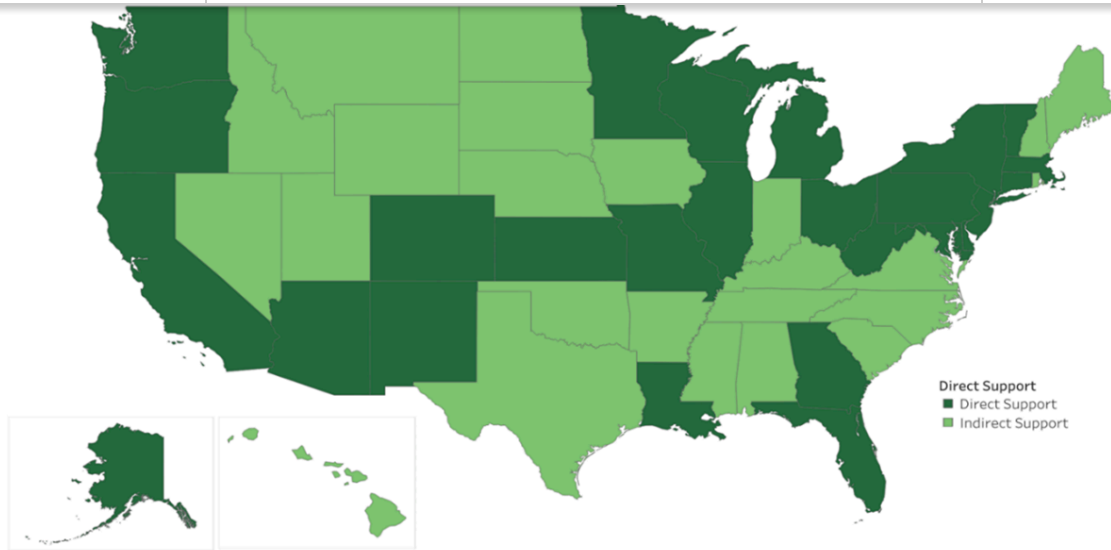
BECP National Energy Codes Conference

Register Now! DOE BECP is pleased to announce the 2024 National Energy Codes Conference will be held May 6-8, 2024, in Sacramento, CA. Please join us for another engaging set of topics, educational sessions, and networking opportunities. Visit the website to view the preliminary agenda and list of topics, register for the conference, and book your hotel room.

[Learn more](#) and register here.

FOA Project Highlights

The [27 projects](#) awarded under the first RECI FOA are now underway. The awards encompass several key activities supporting energy code updates and implementation, including workforce development, community engagement, research and data collection, energy, equity, and environmental justice, as well as increased support for compliance and enforcement. Future newsletters will highlight their progress as well as results of EMPOWERED and BENEFIT FOA projects.



*The [National Energy Codes Collaborative](#) is open to all States, Territories, Tribal Nations, and Jurisdictions

Code Adoption

In the last few months, eight states updated their building energy codes, advancing energy efficiency and consumer savings.

Florida

[2021 IECC](#) (Residential)
[2021 IECC & 90.1-2019](#) (Commercial)
 Effective Date: December 31, 2023

Minnesota

[ASHRAE 90.1-2019](#) (Commercial)
 Effective Date: January 5, 2024

Ohio

[2021 IECC & 90.1-2019](#) (Commercial)
 Effective Date: March 1, 2024

Virginia

[2021 IECC](#) (Residential)
[2021 IECC & 90.1-2019](#) (Commercial)
 Effective Date: January 18, 2024

Illinois

[2021 IECC](#) (Residential)
[2021 IECC & 90.1-2019](#) (Commercial)
 Effective Date: January 1, 2024

New Mexico

[2021 IECC](#) (Residential)
[2021 IECC & 90.1-2019](#) (Commercial)
 Effective Date: July 30, 2024

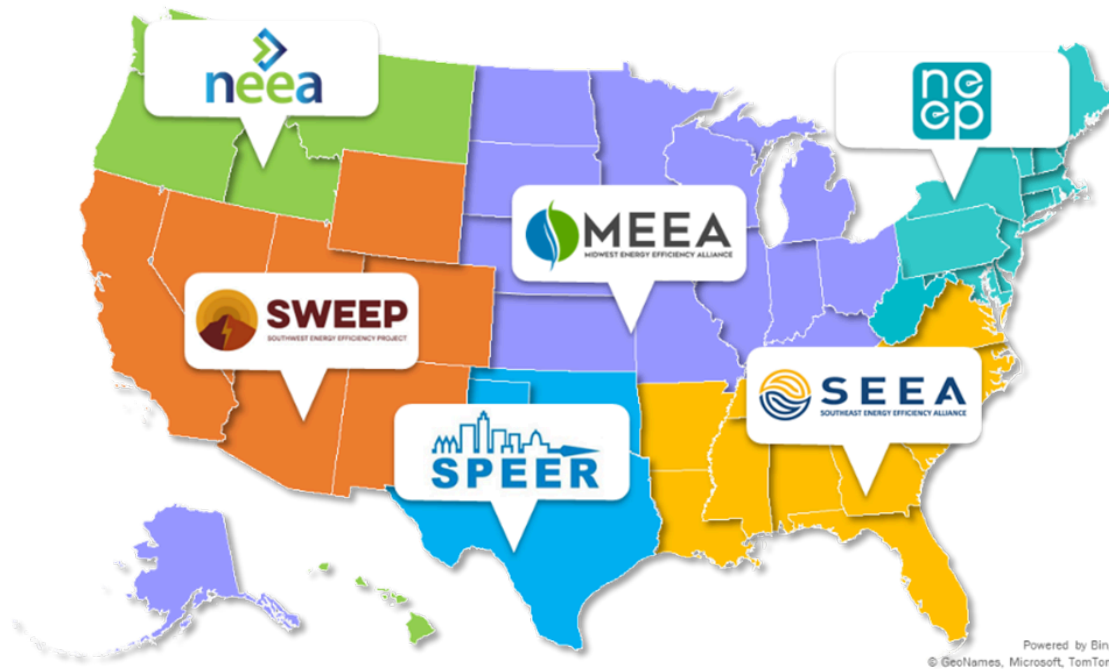
Oregon

[2021 IECC](#) (Residential)
 Effective Date: October 1, 2023

Washington

[2021 WSEC](#) (Residential)
[2021 WSEC](#) (Commercial)
 Effective Date: March 15, 2024

To learn more about the status of state building energy codes across the country and to quickly find state-specific BECP resources, visit the [State Portal](#). BECP's State Portal is updated quarterly to reflect newly effective codes. The next planned update will take place on March 31, 2024.



BECP Energy Code Webinar Series

The 2024 BECP Energy Code [Webinar Series](#) began in September 2023 and includes a wide range of topics such as resilience, energy code compliance, existing buildings, rural communities, and more.

March 21, 2024 @ 1:00-2:30 pm ET (12 CT /11 MT/10 PT) [Register here](#)
Energy Code Enforcement Challenges and Opportunities in Rural Communities

April 18, 2024 @ 1:00-2:30 pm ET (12 CT /11 MT/10 PT) [Register here](#)
The Intersection of Energy Codes and Electrical Codes on the Road to Decarbonization

More webinars will be announced soon, so keep [watch](#). Want to suggest a webinar topic? Please [share](#) your ideas.

Missed a webinar? Don't worry, you can view them on demand in the new [BECP Resource Hub](#).

Publications and Resources

[Commercial Building Segmentation Analysis Tool for Policymakers](#) - U.S. DOE has developed a series of reports that provide commercial and multifamily building characteristic and energy data for 88 local geographies, with the intention of helping policymakers at the city, county, and state levels better understand commercial building energy use. The reports break down the

Want to know more about the resources BECP has to offer? Check out the [BECP Program Resources Guide](#).

BECP Technical Assistance and Training Opportunities

BECP provides a robust and ever-evolving collection of information and technical assistance resources to support updated energy codes and Building Performance Standards (BPS) across the U.S. This support is mobilized across all 56 states and territories, Tribal nations, and at the local level through technical assistance networks comprised of national labs, regional energy efficiency organizations, and many additional subject matter experts.

Jurisdictions seeking support around energy codes or a BPS can access resources, tools, and request technical assistance through DOE's [Energy Codes](#) and [BPS](#) Technical Assistance Networks.

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The Building Energy Codes Program:
The U.S. Department of Energy supports the advancement of building energy codes. Modern building codes and standards offer cost-effective solutions, contributing to lower utility bills for homes and businesses, and helping to mitigate the impacts of climate change. Learn more at energycodes.gov.

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