

# Energy Briefing: Creating Jobs through Energy Efficiency

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**U.S. State Energy Programs, Weatherization, and Building Technologies Program:  
Economic Development, Competitiveness, and Low-Income Energy Issues**

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Room 210**

This briefing, hosted by Congressman Paul Tonko (NY-21), will describe how state governments and their private sector partners are implementing energy programs and the economic development activities associated with them. State officials will discuss the U.S. State Energy Program (SEP) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), and their impact on job creation, energy bill reduction and enhanced energy security. A private sector representative from Dow Chemical Company will provide his views on the value of energy efficiency in buildings and the U.S. Department of Energy's Building Technologies Program, as well as Dow's work in the field.

Data and information about the energy-related economic development activities throughout State and Territory Energy Offices will be provided. We will also focus on their public and private sector partners, along with a description of the critical and cost effective energy efficiency activities implemented for low-income Americans through WAP.

For every federal \$1 invested in SEP, \$7.22 in annual energy cost savings is created. The ability to deliver extraordinary economic benefits and energy savings under SEP has been demonstrated in every state. An Oak Ridge National Laboratory report that analyzed energy savings concluded that for each \$1 in federal funds, \$10.71 in non-federal funds are leveraged.

The Weatherization program has implemented energy savings in over 6.7 million homes, and in 2010 alone, energy savings totaled \$2.1 billion for low-income families. The typical home experiences a 35% energy consumption reduction after the measures are implemented. This program has incorporated new technology working with the private sector.

Speakers for this event include:

· **Frank Murray**, President and CEO, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

· **Vaughn Clark**, Director, Community Development, Oklahoma Department of Commerce

· **Peter Molinaro**, Vice President Federal and State Government Affairs, The Dow Chemical Company

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