

State Energy Office Overview: Indiana

Vision/Mission Statement

The Indiana Office of Energy & Defense Development (OED) was established to shepherd the state's energy plan. Realizing that sound energy policy has a significant impact on economic development, OED guides efforts to find homegrown energy solutions for our nation's armed forces, as well as assisting and promoting economic development in Indiana in the defense and energy industries.

Hoosier Homegrown Energy is Indiana's strategic energy plan. When implemented in 2006, it was the state's first new energy plan in 20 years. Its goals are straightforward:

- Trade current energy imports for future Indiana economic growth
- Produce electricity, natural gas, and transportation fuels from clean coal and bioenergy
- Improve energy efficiency and infrastructure

OED has established partnerships on a state level in order to promote the use of local resources, such as clean coal and agricultural products to create energy in the form of electric generation, synthetic natural gas and alternative transportation fuels. With the leadership of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman OED is working with stakeholders in a variety of industries to maximize jobs and economic vitality by being a home for energy development. This not only grows Hoosier jobs, but helps make us more energy independent.

The office serves as a resource for State Government and all Hoosiers on matters of energy policy and education.

Priority Program Initiatives

Community Conservation Challenge: The Community Conservation Challenge (CCC) is a program that offers financial assistance to non-residential entities for projects that reduce an organization's energy consumption. CCC grants provide funding for the implementation of highly leveraged, unique, and visible community energy conservation projects.

Alternative Fuel Vehicle Grant: The Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) grant will be available to government entities, businesses, school corporations, institutions of higher education, health care facilities and not-for-profit agencies in Indiana. The funds can be used to cover the cost differential between the cost of purchasing an alternative energy vehicle rather than a traditional fuel vehicle. It can also be used to defray the cost of retrofitting an existing vehicle.

Infrastructure costs are not eligible in this grant program.

Conserving Hoosier Industrial Power (CHIP): The CHIP program is focused on commercial or industrial facilities planning energy efficiency upgrades to existing facilities. The Conserving Hoosier Industrial Power (CHIP) program provides grants to help pay for large-scale energy efficiency upgrades or retrofits. In order to be considered for a CHIP grant, the proposed project

must demonstrate measurable improvements in energy efficiency, result in a reduction in energy demand, or implement an energy recycling process.

Eligible project technologies include: lighting, lighting controls/sensors, chillers, furnaces, boilers, heat pumps, building insulation, windows, doors, energy management systems/controls, energy efficient compressed air, pumps and motors.

Energy Action In Schools: The Energy Action In Schools program brings students and school administrators together to reduce energy costs in their buildings, while learning about energy efficiency. The program provides funding and training for the schools that take part, as well as assisting the schools in energy use behavioral audits twice during the school year. Each school will form Energy Action Patrols, made up of students, teachers, administrators and facilities managers to find ways to conserve energy in their school buildings.

The schools selected for the program will receive training for facilities managers/energy managers on how to provide behavior training as well as education programs to support energy management efforts in schools. They will also receive Energy Patrol modules for classroom instruction. These patrols, made up of students with teacher support, will monitor energy usage in their school building and make recommendations on how to save energy. The schools will also have a behavioral audit performed twice a year, including assistance with tracking energy savings from their behavior modification efforts.

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