

State Energy Office Overview: Ohio

Vision/Mission Statement

The Office of Energy works to grow the economy of the state by connecting companies and communities to financial and technical resources to increase efficiency and deploy advanced energy technologies. The Office of Energy is designated as the state's energy office by the State of Ohio and the U.S. Department of Energy, and is responsible for administering U.S. Department of Energy funding allocated to the state and for carrying out requirements in the Energy Policy Act. The Ohio Coal Development Office also resides within the Office of Energy to maximize the use of Ohio coal in an environmentally responsible manner, ensuring that coal continues to be a vital component of Ohio's energy resource portfolio and delivering optimal value to the state, its citizens and its business enterprises.

The goals of the Office of Energy include:

- Continuous improvement of the quality of services provided to customers.
- Implementation of energy efficiency as standard practice statewide.
- Increased awareness and adoption of advanced energy and alternative fuel technologies.
- Increased in-state development, manufacturing and assembly of advanced energy technologies.
- Maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of program resources.

Priority Program Initiatives

Energy Loan Fund is a revolving loan fund that seeks to achieve verified energy and cost savings, improve environmental quality, and create positive economic impacts for customers. Eligible activities include energy retrofits, energy distribution technologies, and renewable energy technologies. The program utilizes state funds through the Advanced Energy Fund along with federal funds from the State Energy Program.

Federal State Energy Program is formula-based funding provided by the U.S. Department of Energy. Each state receives allocated grant funding to address energy priorities to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.

Alternative Fuel Transportation Program is a state program that improves air quality through incentives to businesses, nonprofit organizations, school districts, or local governments for the purchase and installation of alternative fuel refueling, blending, or distribution facilities and terminals.

The Ohio Coal Development Office invests in the development and implementation of technologies that can use Ohio's vast reserves of coal in an economical, environmentally sound manner. Projects are identified through public solicitations and may include technologies that improve combustion efficiencies, remove various pollutants from emissions, develop productive uses for the by-products of combustion, and investigate new uses for coal as a feedstock.

Resources:

Residential Resources

- Residential Energy Education Program helps median income households identify and take action on opportunities to save energy and money by adopting efficiency measures or renewable energy technologies. Initially focused on education, the program has established pilot programs in Greenfield, Athens, and Oberlin for 1,000 households to receive technical assistance and/or an assessment by trained energy specialists. The program is implemented by the nonprofit, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAЕ).

Commercial Resources

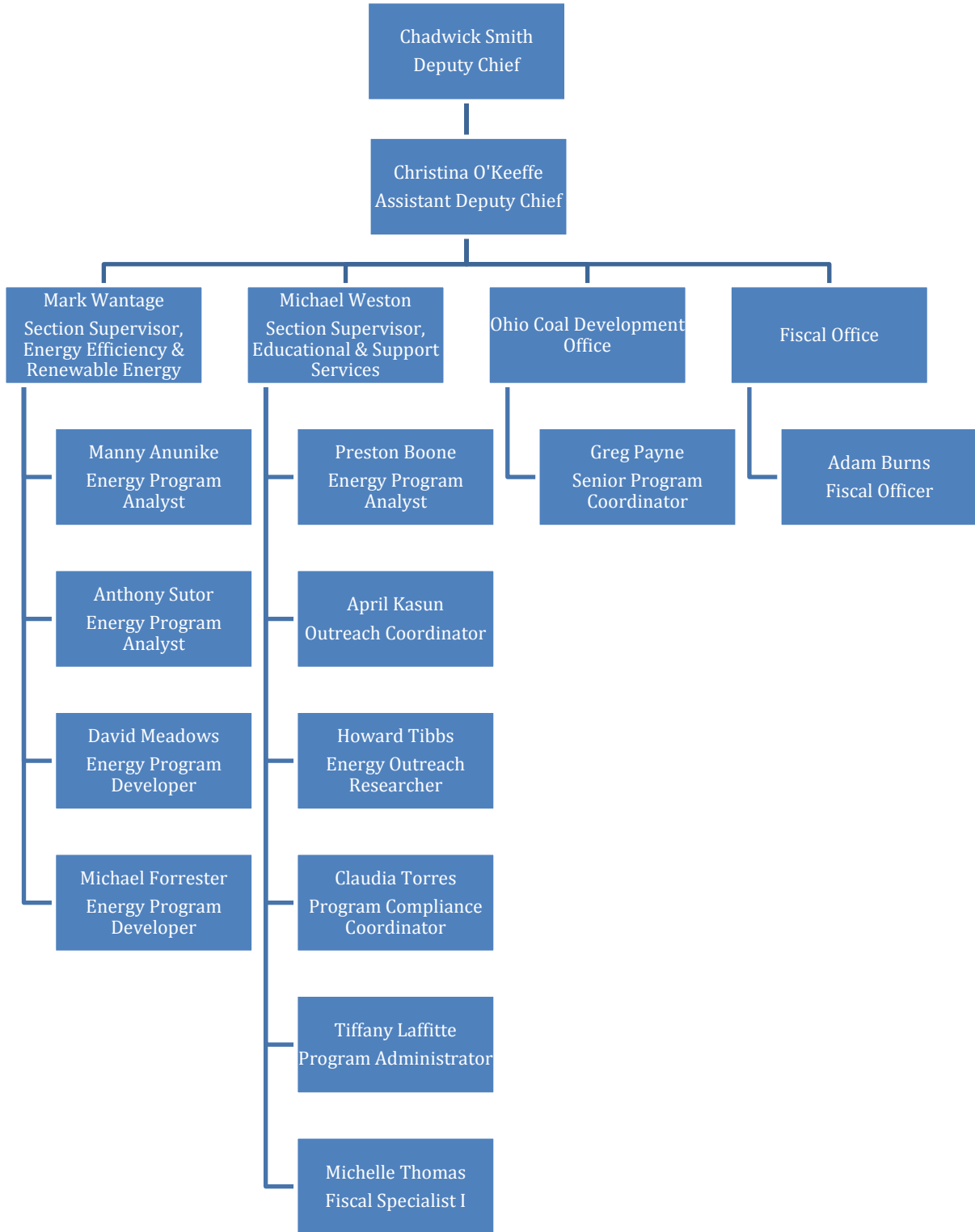
- The Office of Energy provides small businesses with education, technical, and financial resources to become more energy efficient. The program, implemented by the Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE), identifies, tracks, and offers technical audit and energy retrofit services within an easy, streamlined process.
- Building Operator Certification is a professional certification program, sponsored in part by the Office of Energy, for facility staff who operate and maintain commercial and public buildings. Operators earn certification by attending training sessions and completing project assignments in their facilities.

Industrial Resources:

- Energy Efficiency Program for Manufacturers is a four-step energy efficiency program that provides facilitation services and financial assistance to Ohio manufacturers to diagnose, plan, and implement cost-effective energy improvements at their facilities.
- Industry Supply Chain Development programs are focused on targeted industries that have significant growth opportunities for Ohio's existing manufacturing sector. The Office of Energy is currently working on developing the supply chains for the wind, solar, nuclear, and natural gas industries.



Office of Energy Organization Chart





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