Multifamily Energy Efficiency Roundtable

Wednesday, September 16, 2015
8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Wyndham San Diego Bayside, Coast Ballroom
San Diego, California

8:00 a.m. Networking Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

Sandy Fazeli, Program Director, National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO)

This opening discussion will include roundtable introductions as well as an overview of where, why, and how State Energy Offices (SEOs) and their partners are advancing energy efficiency in low-income multifamily buildings. It will offer preliminary insights on the unique space and role that SEOS can fill in the multifamily sector in relation to other key actors such as federal agencies, regulatory commissions, state housing agencies, utilities, developers, owners, tenants, and energy efficiency and housing advocates.

8:15 a.m. Overview of HUD’s Energy Efficiency Efforts

Michael Freedberg, Office of Economic Resilience, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is increasingly looking to energy efficiency to help advance its mission of creating “strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all.” This session will examine the variety of initiatives and programs that HUD has developed for multifamily energy efficiency, and will allow roundtable participants to share insights for partnering and scaling these efforts in the future.

8:45 a.m. Introduction to Energy Efficiency for All

Todd Nedwick, Housing and Energy Efficiency Policy Director, National Housing Trust
Maria Stamas, Project Attorney, Energy & Climate, Natural Resources Defense Council
Janne Flisrand, Lead, Network for Energy, Water, and Health in Affordable Buildings

Energy Efficiency for All (EEFA) works with electric and gas utilities, utility regulators, housing agencies, and state-based coalitions to realize the benefits of energy efficiency for low-income families. This panel discussion will highlight major multifamily energy efficiency initiatives taking place within EEFA and share information on key resources and networking opportunities that State Energy Offices can leverage.

RSVP to Cassie Powers at cpowers@naseo.org before Thursday, September 10, 2015.
9:15 a.m. **The State and Regional Policy and Program Landscape**

*Elizabeth Bellis, Counsel and Director of Finance Programs, Energy Programs Consortium (EPC) (invited)*
*Cassie Powers, Program Manager, NASEO*
*Julia Friedman, Senior Policy Manager, Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA)*

This discussion will delve deeper into state and regional progress and advancements in multifamily energy efficiency. During this session, roundtable participants are encouraged to discuss their own experiences and lessons learned in the multifamily sector. Key questions to be explored include the following: What strategies and partnerships are most challenging and most promising in your state? Is the regulatory/utility environment friendly to multifamily energy efficiency initiatives? Has your office determined the level of demand and appetite for multifamily projects? What are the major informational gaps and data needs to help make a better case to stakeholders and decision makers in your state?

10:15 a.m. **Multifamily PACE: The California Experience**

*Deanna Carillo, Executive Director, California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority (invited)*

Localities in California pioneered Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE), a financing solution being employed in both the single-family residential and commercial sectors across the country. Since the inception of PACE programs, the state of California has been an important proponent of scaling up and removing impediments to PACE, particularly at the federal level. This discussion will examine California’s efforts to make this important type of financing available for the multifamily sector.

10:45 a.m. **Integrating Efficiency in Resilience: Physical and Economic Perspectives**

*David Ribeiro, Research Analyst, Utilities, State, and Local Policy Program, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE)*
*Brian Henderson, Southeast Regional Coordinator, NASEO*

This discussion will examine an oft-underappreciated angle to multifamily energy efficiency: resilience. Findings from an ongoing ACEEE analysis demonstrate the important role of energy efficiency in promoting economic and physical resilience, in particular for disadvantaged and underserved individuals and communities. This discussion will also highlight key state actions to integrate multifamily energy efficiency in their resilience and energy assurance efforts.

11:15 a.m. **Facilitated Wrap-Up**

11:30 a.m. **Adjourn**