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November Newsletter

Friends—

I'm pleased to announce two excellent additions to ACEEE's board of directors. Maggie Molina and Reid Barley will add valuable experience and perspective to help guide our work to scale energy efficiency and build an equitable clean energy future.



[Maggie Molina](#) is the executive director of Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships.



[Reid Barley](#) is the CEO of IonicBlue, an energy-as-a-service company.

On a different note, artificial intelligence is reshaping energy efficiency in buildings, offering new ways to streamline energy management, automate audits, and reduce waste. Read about the advancements and challenges discussed at ACEEE's recent workshop in our latest [blog post](#) and explore AI's impact on energy efficiency on our new [AI page](#).

ACEEE's work in the years ahead will depend partly on the outcomes of Tuesday's federal, state, and local elections. As always, our team has been preparing to defend recent progress and seize new opportunities.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Best,



Steven Nadel
Executive Director

Efficiency Update

- More high-efficiency heat pumps will qualify for a federal tax credit, thanks to [specifications](#) updated recently by the [Consortium for Energy Efficiency](#) (CEE). The Inflation Reduction Act increased the 25C tax credit to \$2,000 for heat pumps meeting CEE's highest non-advanced tier. The new specifications move from regional criteria to two paths applicable nationwide, increase efficiency over the heating season (HSPF) and cooling season (SEER), and ensure high performance in cold weather. The new specifications should help households choose the right heat pump for their needs, spur manufacturers to compete and lower the cost of these efficient models, and lower households' energy bills.
- Seattle, Washington, recently [announced grant awards](#) totaling \$3.5 million to support eight decarbonization projects for under-resourced buildings, including affordable and senior housing, community resource buildings, places of worship, and a community college campus. The grants will support retrofits as well as engineering and technical analyses ahead of the city's building performance standard deadlines.

Our Latest Research



[ACEEE Recognizes Leading Energy Efficiency Programs](#)

Our Leaders of the Pack awards recognize outstanding utility-funded energy efficiency programs, naming winners in 10 categories and identifying other programs deserving of recognition.



[Turning Data Centers into Grid and Regional Assets](#)

Our latest brief offers recommendations for federal and state policymakers and utility regulators to transform data centers into grid assets that offer flexible demand powered by carbon-free electricity.

See all our recent [blog posts](#) and [press releases](#).

ACEEE in Action



Roxana Ayala, senior research analyst, led a [webinar](#) spotlighting ACEEE's Mississippi Energy Efficiency Workforce Accelerator, which connects local stakeholders and provides resources for expanding the energy efficiency workforce.

What We're Reading

A few of our favorite media highlights from the past month:

- [Government Technology](#) quoted senior research director Nora Efram in an article on her policy brief about energy demand from AI data centers.
- [Energy News Network](#) quoted senior policy director Mark Kresowik on electric rate designs that support heat pump adoption.
- [Smart Cities Dive](#) cited ACEEE's research on the challenges of affordable housing complying with building performance standards.

News You Can Use

- The U.S. Department of Energy released [new resources](#) this week to help households and contractors understand how to qualify for thousands of dollars in federal tax credits for home upgrades, including a Tax Credit Product Lookup Tool to help determine if new equipment is eligible for tax credits.

- The Department of Energy's [Building Upgrades Inspiring Local Transformation \(BUILT Nonprofits\) grants](#) will offer up to \$100k to eligible nonprofits to support building improvement projects that reduce energy use, lower carbon emissions, and generate short- and long-term energy savings. Applications are due November 12.
- Applications are open for the [Sustainable Communities Accelerator Network](#), a national peer learning program to support local leaders in implementing plans to prioritize sustainability actions in their communities. The program is a collaboration of the EPA's Office of Community Revitalization and the Smart Growth Network.

Staff Update

New job postings! ACEEE seeks a [utility policy and regulatory manager](#), [state policy manager](#), and [clean freight policy manager](#). The National Energy Codes Collaborative seeks a [Michigan energy code implementation fellow](#).

ACEEE on the road! Dave Ribeiro, director of local policy, will speak about the role of the Blueprint Cohorts in DOE's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program at the National Association of Energy Service Companies' [R3 Conference](#).

Upcoming Events



WEBINAR: Spark the Switch: Overcoming Barriers to Heat Pump Adoption | November 19, 2:00 p.m. ET



**December 3, Washington, DC
(Register by November 8 for the early bird rate)**



March 4-6, Portland, OR

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