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May Newsletter

Friends—

One of the challenges of implementing recent federal funding effectively is ensuring that the investments reach the communities where they are needed most. Last month, ACEEE was selected by the U.S. Department of Transportation to be a Capacity Builder for the agency's [Thriving Communities](#) program. This funding will help ACEEE expand our work to help disadvantaged communities implement policies to create equitable, accessible, low-carbon transportation systems.

We've recently explored how to advance transportation system efficiency in a three-part blog post series diving into key topics such as how local governments can support [car-free modes of transportation](#), how [land use policies](#) can advance low-carbon transportation, and how [recent federal funding](#) can help cities and states reimagine their transportation systems.

Thank you, as always, for your interest in our work.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve".

Steven Nadel
Executive Director

Efficiency Update

- New York City Mayor Eric Adams recently released [PlaNYC: Getting Sustainability Done](#) to guide city leaders in taking a more comprehensive approach to climate change mitigation through interagency coordination and targeted stakeholder engagement. The plan is notable for including the city's first consumption-based greenhouse gas emissions

inventory, outlining the city's approach to climate budgeting, and laying out new and expanded strategies to reduce emissions in buildings and transportation, such as piloting the East Coast's first [low-emissions freight zones](#) in areas with the highest truck traffic and the worst public health outcomes.

- The City of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Duke Energy [announced](#) last month that they are partnering to launch a pilot program to help income-qualified households make energy efficiency upgrades. Duke Energy will invest about \$4 million for retrofits for about 500 households in the region, and Charlotte will provide up to \$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding to support home repairs needed before retrofits can occur.

Our Latest Research



[Energy Equity for Renters Fact Sheet](#)

This fact sheet—available in English, Arabic, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, and Vietnamese—outlines how local governments can use efficiency programs, affordable housing policy, and equity-driven strategies to improve energy efficiency for renters and achieve their climate and affordability goals.

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

ACEEE in Action



ACEEE's Carolyn Conant presented during a recent [Residential Retrofits for Energy Equity \(R2E2\) webinar](#) on accessing funding sources for retrofits in affordable housing and commercial buildings.

What We're Reading

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

- The [Washington Post](#) used ACEEE's GreenerCars ratings in its guide evaluating electric vehicle price, battery range, and environmental impact.
- [NBC5 Dallas](#) interviewed senior fellow Jennifer Amann in a story about how to access federal energy efficiency incentives.
- The [Maine Monitor](#) cited ACEEE findings on energy burdens in New England in a story about Maine's reliance on fuel oil.

News You Can Use

Resources that may be helpful to community-based organizations and others in the energy efficiency sector:

- [R2E2](#) will host Office Hours sessions this month for prospective applicants to the Department of Energy's [Buildings Upgrade Prize](#), which is awarding over \$22 million in cash prizes and technical assistance to teams with winning ideas to accelerate equitable energy efficiency and building electrification upgrades in residential and commercial buildings. At [Office Hours on May 15 and May 31](#), prize applicants can drop

in and learn more about the scoring criteria and ask questions related to the application process, topics from previous Buildings UP training webinars, and any other clarifications that would be helpful to prepare their application materials.

- The Department of Energy's [Workforce Development Resource Map](#) identifies programs and services around the country that connect people to jobs in the energy sector.

Staff Update

Dan Farrell joins ACEEE as behavior and health senior manager. Dan previously worked at Virginia Energy, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and most recently, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. He holds a master's degree from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree from The Evergreen State College.



We're hiring! ACEEE seeks an [industry program director](#) and [transportation program senior research analyst](#).

Upcoming Events



**Buildings Upgrade Prize Training Webinars
(May 10 & 11) and Office Hours (May 15 & 31)**



July 11–13, Detroit
Register by May 11 for early bird rates!



October 16–18, Philadelphia




November 12–15, Sacramento

Community News

Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships will hold its [2023 Summit](#) June 13–15 at the Hotel Marcel in New Haven, Connecticut, the first and only retrofitted Passive House hotel. This two-day workshop is packed with interactive sessions to explore how the Inflation Reduction Act and bipartisan infrastructure law can foster energy efficiency and decarbonization solutions for buildings.

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