



## Legislator Tours Kept Us Busy on #EEDay2017

VAEEC kicked off National Energy Efficiency Day in Newport News with VAEEC member Viridiant for a tour of an EarthCraft certified senior living facility with Delegate Yancey. Then we headed west to Goochland County with member Project:Homes to host Delegate Ware at a single-family home undergoing weatherization improvements. Both delegates sit on the Commerce and Labor Committee, which reviews all energy legislation during the General Assembly sessions. We showed them what energy efficiency in action looks like in their districts.

Governor McAuliffe also officially declared October 5th Energy Efficiency Day in Virginia.



Nov. 2  
Richmond, VA

## Fall Meeting and Awards Ceremony

### Have You Registered for the Fall Meeting + Awards Ceremony?

We are just a few weeks away from the Fall Meeting and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, November 2nd in Richmond.

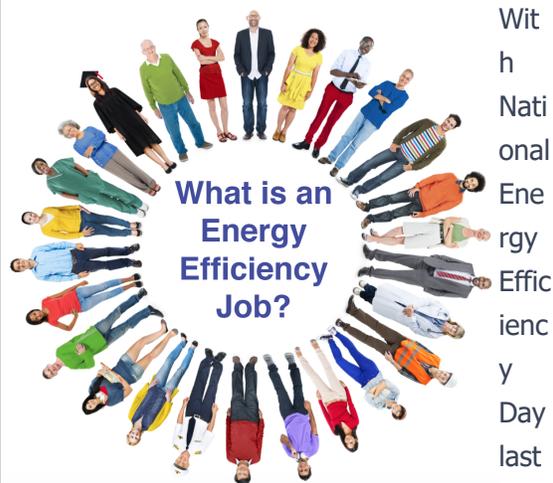
The meeting runs 12:30-4:30 PM, is free to VAEEC members (\$25 for non-members) and will be followed by the second annual Virginia Energy Efficiency Leadership Awards Ceremony from 4:30 - 6:00 PM. The Awards Ceremony is *free* to attend. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided and drinks can be purchased at the cash bar.

[Register Now.](#)

## C-PACE Webinar Notes

We recently held the latest in our 2017 webinar series. If you missed the C-PACE webinar, you can [read the notes and watch](#)

[Read more about these #EEDay2017 legislator tours.](#)



With National Energy Efficiency Day last week

k, a lot of the focus was on jobs. For our part, VAEEC noted U.S. Department of Energy stats that the industry is responsible for 75,000 jobs across the state. Indeed, it is a huge part of the new Virginia economy.

But it raises an important question. Just what kind of jobs count as "energy efficiency jobs"?

Our latest blog post takes a look at 5 EE jobs, from blue to white collar and private to public sector.

[Read more about EE jobs.](#)

## Welcome Back!

The membership renewals have been rolling in, so we'd like to welcome back:

- City of Richmond
- Community Housing Partners
- Dominion Energy
- Johnson Controls
- LEAP
- Pearl Certification
- Trane

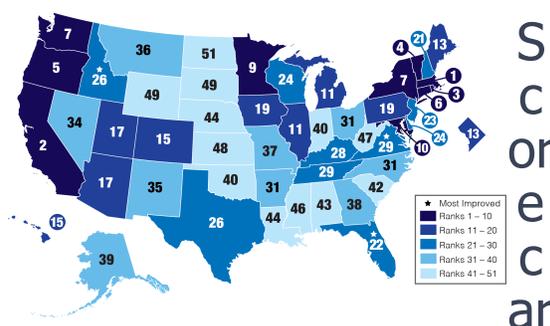
[the webinar recording.](#) And save the date for the final webinar of the year on November 28th. The topic will be Utility Regulation.

## Update on Building Codes

Stronger building codes was 1 of 5 recommendations VAEEC made in our 2017 "Why Energy Efficiency is a Smart Investment for Virginia" report, saying "It is time for the Commonwealth's building codes to catch up with the national model code's minimum requirements for safety, efficiency, and reliability when it comes to building construction. Virginia homeowners and homebuyers deserve a modern-day code that reflects our desire for high-performing homes and forward-thinking energy policies."

So what has been happening this year and what's next in our push to strengthen the codes in Virginia?

[Get the latest update.](#)



## ACEEE Calls Virginia "Most Improved"

If it feels like we've made progress in advancing EE policies and programs in Virginia in recent years, you're right! ACEEE just named Virginia one of the "Most Improved" states in the 2017 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard. Tied for 29th place means there is still plenty of room for

advancement, but what we're doing is working!

**[Read more about the rankings and download the report \(and Virginia scoresheet\).](#)**

## News + Resources

[States lead the way on energy efficiency, but how effective are they?](#) (Greentech Media)

[Building energy efficiency has stalled -- here's how to spark progress](#) (Sustainable Brands)

[Cities cracking down on climate law-breakers](#) (Inside Climate News)

[Benchmarking Initiatives in the Multifamily Market](#) (ACEEE)

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