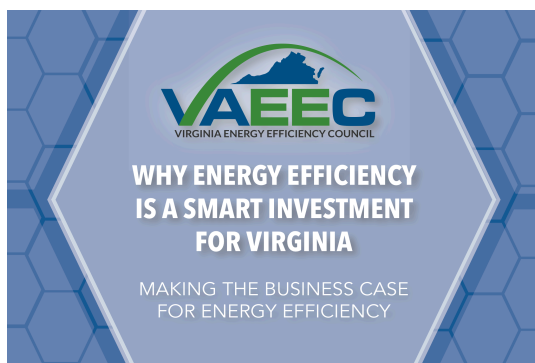


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Policy Recommendation: Expand Utility EE Programs

Earlier this year we released a report, "[Why Energy Efficiency is a Smart Investment for Virginia](#)," which included five policy recommendations. One of those was to expand energy efficiency program opportunities across the Commonwealth, specifically by: establishing uniform protocols for Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification (EM&V); including the economic benefits of energy efficiency when evaluating programs; and maintaining an effective, data-driven process for evaluating programs.



Awards Season Starts Now

The online application for the 2017 Virginia Energy Efficiency Leadership Awards is officially live and accepting nominations. The deadline to apply is September 22, and the winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on November 2nd in conjunction with our [Fall Meeting](#).

You'll find a sample application, nomination process, scorecard, the online application and more [on our website](#).

Spotlight on Our Members

One of the best parts of our biannual meet-

Our website has a [new section devoted to utility programs](#).

[Read our recent blog post](#) about the State Corporation Commission's recent rulings on Dominion Energy's EE programs, which we believe are a major setback.



Energy Efficiency Day Website Live

Make sure you've marked October 5th down as National Energy Efficiency Day. After success in 2016, #EEDay2017 will be back with more ways for everyone from individuals to corporations to voice their support for energy efficiency. [Visit the website](#) and find a way to get involved.

Recap: EE and Agriculture Webinar

The agricultural industry consumes massive amounts of energy. In 2015 alone, farmers paid 10 billion dollars collectively in energy bills. Agricultural facilities expend energy in refrigeration and materials handling, pumping and heating, lighting, and fans.

In mid-June, VAEEC hosted a webinar with presenters Josh Ludgate from Exact Energy Inc. and Erin Puryear from Old Dominion Electric Cooperative.

[Read our overview or watch the recorded webinar.](#)

2016 Winner Flashback

Opening up nominations for the [2017 Virginia Energy Efficiency Leadership Awards](#) had us nostalgic for our inaugural

ings is the Member Round Robin where we invite current members to share their recent successes with everyone. It's a pass-the-mic affair that really engages the crowd. So we've started culling those into mini features to share. From Arlington County's Energy Lending Library to Rappahannock Electric Cooperative's Online Member Portal, [check out their success stories \(and send us yours\)](#).



Advanced Energy Roundtable in Loudoun

VAEEC was proud to team up with Advanced Energy Economy and the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce to host an Advanced Energy Roundtable last month to discuss economic development opportunities in the region. Several VAEEC members participated, including Arlington County, Dominion Energy, Loudoun County Public Schools, and Pearl Certification.

[Read the local news coverage.](#)

Welcome Back Members

Thank you to the following VAEEC members for renewing their membership:

James City County, Columbia Gas, David Gar-



event last year. Looking back at the amazing winners left us super excited to see this year's applications start rolling in.

Whether you want to borrow a page from their winning ways or just be inspired, [check out our 2016 award winners](#).

diner + Assoc., Sustainable Design Consulting (moved up to Business Silver), Honeywell, City of Charlottesville, Energy Savvy, Siemens Industry, and Virginia Resources Authority.

Thanks to Our Event Sponsors

We are already busy pulling together our Fall Meeting and Awards Ceremony [set for November 2](#). There are plenty of [sponsorship opportunities available](#). Contact chelsea@vaeec.org if you're interested.

An advance note of appreciation to our first sponsors:



News and Resources

[Here are the most energy-efficient utilities in the US](#) (ACEEE)

[As Arkansas leads on energy efficiency, two states poised to follow](#) (Southeast Energy News)

[Loudoun County Chamber hosts Advanced Energy Roundtable](#) (Loudoun Tribune)

[The value of the DOE State Energy Program](#) (Clean Energy Finance Forum)

[Energy efficiency bill would help schools](#) (US News)

[Integrated Evaluation through M+V 2.0](#) (NEEP)

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