



News and Resources

[Yet another report finds energy efficiency improves the economics of reducing carbon dioxide emissions](#) (Energy Efficiency Markets)

[Energy efficiency's problem with tracking savings](#) (Greentech Media)

[Gov. McAuliffe fast-tracks state's energy efficiency goal](#) (Daily Press)

[Huge energy savings in Virginia's affordable housing apartments](#) (Public News Service)

Featured Member of the Month



[The Local Energy Alliance Program \(LEAP\)](#)

is a nonprofit energy services organization with a mission to lead the effort in local communities across Virginia to implement

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Add your voice to the VAEEC. Join or renew your membership today.

With the backing of 50+ members (businesses, utilities, universities, local governments, nonprofits and individuals), in 2014-2015 we:

- Hosted our two most well-attended meetings with high profile speakers;
- Helped advance PACE legislation that Governor McAuliffe recently signed into law;
- Completed the second statewide census of the energy efficiency industry;
- Penned an op-ed in the Richmond Times Dispatch on the importance of energy efficiency;
- Participated as a partner in Clean Energy Lobby Day and the Energy and Sustainability Conference;
- Established a LinkedIn platform for the exchange of information and ideas.

With a strong membership and plenty of momentum, we'll build on these successes in the coming year. Be a part of the conversation as we tackle Virginia's 10% energy reduction goal, help to implement the PACE legislation, prepare for the federal Clean Power Plan, and much more. The membership year begins on July 1. [Please join or renew now.](#)



"PACE is Finally Here in Virginia!"

That's the headline of a guest blog post now up on the VAEEC website, penned by Abby Johnson and Josh Doyon of Abacus Property Solutions. What is PACE? What makes this financing mechanism unique? What are the macroeconomic benefits? What other states/localities have gotten

energy efficient technologies in buildings to promote cost savings for families and businesses, job creation, energy self-reliance, local economic development, and the mitigation of climate change. LEAP's alliance model is a community-based, public-private partnership.

PACE right?

They answer all of these questions in their informative blog post.

[Check it out.](#)

Are you a lending institution interested in learning more about PACE? The Apartment and Office Building Association (AOBA) of Metropolitan Washington is sponsoring a seminar on July 9, hosted by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. [Click here for details.](#)

Virginia is for Entrepreneurs

Calling all entrepreneurs in the energy and bioscience fields: the Virginia Velocity business plan competition, just announced by Governor McAuliffe, could be the opportunity you've been looking for. \$850,000 in prizes will be awarded to at least four winners. Eligible applicants must be for-profit organizations that have been engaged in their current business for at least 24 consecutive months. The registration deadline is July 10. The competition is also looking for judges to review applications.



[Learn more about Virginia Velocity.](#)

New Energy Efficiency Loan Fund Announced

Virginia Community Capital has launched a Virginia Energy Efficiency Loan Fund, aimed at commercial, industrial and multifamily properties. Loan amounts will range from \$50,000 to \$4 million.

For details and contact information, [click here.](#)

The VAEEC is a broad coalition whose mission is to assess and support programs, innovation, best practices and policies that advance energy efficiency in Virginia and to provide a forum for stakeholder interaction.