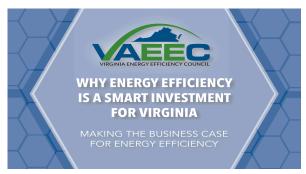
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# New Report Highlight Virginia Data Points, Policy Recommendations

Virginia's economy is stronger thanks to the role of energy efficiency. VAEEC's latest report finds the industry drives \$1.5B in annual revenue and accounts for more than 75,000 jobs. The report lays out five specific policy recommendations, including PACE, building codes and energy performance contracts. These recommendations will not only help the industry continue to grow but will also play a role in future carbon reduction strategies the Commonwealth may pursue.

Read the full report, "Why Energy Efficiency is a Smart Investment for Virginia."



### ACEEE Cities Scorecard, Pledges on Paris Agreement Feature VAEEC Members

President Trump may have pulled the U.S. out of the Paris Climate Accord, but Virginia is moving forward. Governor McAuliffe announced that the Commonwealth was joining the U.S. Climate Alliance, a group of states in solidarity to uphold the goals of the Paris accord. Hundreds of cities have also indicated they will uphold the agreement, including VAEEC members Alexandria, Arlington County, Charlottesville, and Richmond. These and other VAEEC members, including the University of Richmond, have signed the "We Are Still In" Agreement.

#### **Tomorrow: PACE Charlottesville Event**

VAEEC is active in efforts to bring Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing to commercial properties in Virginia. Our recent blog post gives a run-down on the PACE value proposition for property owners, contractors, lenders and localities. Read it now.

If you live or work in Charlottesville, you're invited to join us \*tomorrow\* June 15th for the Charlottesville Area PACE event 9-10am at City Space.

## SCC Rulings a Setback for EE in Virginia

Earlier this year VAEEC took part in proceedings before the State Corporation Commission in support of energy efficiency programs proposed by Dominion Energy. Unfortunately, the SCC denied two residential programs and approved a non-residential program at half of the requested budget. Find out what that means for programs in Virginia moving forward.

## VAEEC Welcomes Newest Board Member

Please join us in welcoming Wesley Holmes, Director of Strategy and Development for the Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA), to our Board of Directors. Learn more about Wesley and the rest of the Board.

## **Get Ready: Nominations Open Soon for VAEEC Awards**

Start thinking about which projects you

Meanwhile, VAEEC members Richmond (28th) and Virginia Beach (36th) made the ranks in the recent ACEEE Cities Scorecard.

Read our blog post on all this action.



#### **Featured Member: Johnson Controls**

June's Featured VAEEC Member of the Month Johnson Controls operates all manner of energy efficiency programming across the globe, and their impact has been significant right here in Virginia. We take a look at their energy savings performance contract with Page County Public Schools in Luray. Their \$7.5M project -- with LED lighting and HVAC upgrades -- will save the schools \$10M over 15 years and mean more comfortable learning environments.

Read more about Johnson Controls.



**May 19th Meeting Recap** 

If you missed our meeting on May 19, you're in luck. We had an intern tracking all the action, and you can read her recap here.

Thank you to our sponsors: Henrico County, Community Housing Partners, Dominion En-



might nominate for our 2nd annual Virginia Energy Efficiency Leadership Awards. Nominations will officially open on July 10, and the winners will be announced at our awards ceremony November 2.

### RFP for Building Code Study Data Collection

The Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA) has an RFP out for contractors to perform residential energy code compliance data collection as part of a DOE-funded Virginia Residential Energy Code Field Study. This study will have tremendous impact on our building code work. Good luck to all VAEEC members who apply! Proposals are due June 30. Learn more.

ergy, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, Schneider Electric and Trane.

### Welcome and welcome back members new and old

Welcome Accuwatt and Coulumb, Inc, VAEEC's newest members. Welcome back to the City of Virginia Beach and Southland Energy, our latest renewing members.

#### **News and Resources**

Virginia joins alliance of states committed to upholding Paris climate agreement (press release)

New report underscores critical role of energy efficiency for Virginia's clean energy future and economy (VAEEC press release)

Efficiency advocates testify on the importance of greater efficiency standards in VA's building code (Virginia Multifamily Energy Efficiency Coalition)

While you weren't looking, energy efficiency became on of our nation's top energy resources (Union of Concerned Scientists)

Why we need the Building Technologies Office (ACEEE)

Every threat to energy efficiency under Trump (NRDC)



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