Happy Holidays from the VAEEC Team!

VAEEC In the News
A great piece in the Richmond Times-Dispatch that takes a look at VAEEC, some of our policy priorities, our members, and the many contributions energy efficiency makes to Virginia's economy. This is a good get-up-to-speed article for incoming General Assembly members. Please share with your colleagues and networks!

PACE Updates
Congratulations to Arlington County for passing their PACE ordinance! The Virginia Energy Efficiency Council recently held our latest Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy, or PACE, Lunch + Learn for Fairfax County and surrounding areas. With an audience of approximately 70 contractors, developers, property owners, lenders, and government officials, this was our largest

Happy Holidays
Wishing everyone a happy holiday season this winter! This was a successful year for VAEEC and our members, including having ACEEE recognize Virginia as a most-improved state in their annual scorecard. We’re looking forward to making 2018.

Transition Update
VAEEC has been invited to sit on Governor-Elect Northam’s Policy Council for Commerce and Trade, and several of our members are on the Policy Council for Natural Resources. Both of which will be meeting this month to map out key issues the new administration should focus on over the next four years. This is a great opportunity to amplify our priorities and we will continue to keep you updated on our progress.
PACE Lunch + Learn event to-date. The Great Falls Group of the Virginia Sierra Club co-hosted the event, and sponsors included Petros PACE Finance (event sponsor) and John Marshall Bank- Tysons Corner Region (lunch and networking sponsor).

Welcome New Members

Please join us in welcoming VAEEC's newest members: National Housing Trust (Associate), Brighter Communities (Associate). And a hearty "Welcome Back" to EnergySavvy, Arlington County, Appalachian Voices and the Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Legislative Preview

We’ll be hosting a webinar in January on the upcoming General Assembly session. It's a busy year for energy efficiency so stay tuned for more details.

Performance Contracting

This month we're highlighting one of our recommendations from our latest report: Performance Contracting. We recommend the expansion of performance-based contracting for state-owned buildings and public institutions of higher education as part of our five policy recommendations. Check out our video on why Energy Performance Contracting in Virginia can make the Commonwealth a leader in energy efficiency.

News + Resources

Groups push to break down barriers for energy efficiency businesses in Virginia (Richmond-Times Dispatch)

Virginia Launches Plan to Join East Coast Carbon Market, Cut Emissions 30% (Inside Climate News)
Stories behind the rankings: These successes reveal benefits of saving energy (American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy)

New technologies are poised to track the many benefits of saving energy (American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy)

America First? Trump Energy Cuts Would Eliminate Billions of Dollars in Direct Savings to Customers (Greentech Media)