Our March Featured Member **D+R International** has worked with federal agencies, electric utilities, associations, advocates, manufacturers, and distributors to create, expand, and analyze markets for energy efficient and sustainable products.

**Virginia Clean Economy Act**
At long last, the General Assembly Session has come to an end. It’s fair to say that this was the most intense and momentous session for energy policy in decades, and we are incredibly happy to be a part of the progress. As we reported recently, the Virginia Clean Economy Act has PASSED and is now awaiting the Governor’s signature!

The VCEA mandates 5% energy savings by 2025, with the SCC determining future savings in three-year blocks. The VCEA also removes the automatic opt out for industrial customers above 500kW and instead allows industrial customers above 1MW to opt out only after they have proven to the SCC that they are achieving energy savings through their own energy efficiency programs.

**VAEEC In The News**

**First C-PACE Project One Step Closer to Becoming a Reality**

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax wants to finance upgrades to its sprawling, 1960s-era HVAC system. If all the pieces click into place, this Fairfax County church would be the first Virginia property statewide to tap into C-PACE, an initiative designed to facilitate affordable upgrades to greener energy.

Hear from Virginia PACE Authority’s Abby Johnson and VAEEC’s own Outreach Director, Jessica Greene on this exciting project and the potential for C-PACE at [Energy News Network](https://www.energynewsnetwork.com).
Resources for Families

Energy knowledge starts at home. As many families find themselves suddenly homeschooling, we have compiled a list of resources to help kids from kindergarten through high school learn about energy and efficiency through fun and educational activities, games, and jokes.

VCEA on WRVA

We're on the radio! Listen as our Executive Director, Chelsea Harnish discusses the passage of the Virginia Clean Economy Act, its effects on the state, and the importance of energy efficiency in a recent interview with Newsradio WRVA.

Upcoming Events and More

DSM Filing Webinar

VAEEC is once again formally participating as a respondent in Dominion Energy’s demand-side management proceeding before the State Corporation Commission. As in years past, we have retained counsel from the UVA Environmental and Regulatory Law Clinic in support of the Company’s application.

Registration is now open for our webinar on Wednesday, April 1st, which will provide a deeper dive into the filings and a tutorial on how to prepare your own comments for these programs. This free webinar is only available for VAEEC members.

Register Today

Spring 2020 Forum

Early Bird Registration

May 14th, 1-5 p.m
Richmond, VA

Spring 2020 Forum and Trade Show

While we are optimistic that COVID-19 will no longer be a pressing issue by May, we are considering all options to ensure the health and safety of our attendees. We will keep you updated on the status of the event.
members and communities. As such, Early Bird Registration for the Spring 2020 Forum will tentatively open **March 30th**.

The Spring 2020 Forum will offer compelling panels on timely topics, insightful content, and ample networking opportunities, while focusing solely on energy efficiency advancements in the Commonwealth. We will also recognize energy efficiency champions for their outstanding contributions to the industry, and, for the first time ever, will feature a trade show.

We are working to develop contingency plans for the event, and will continue to monitor the developing situation and follow all recommended guidelines.

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**Sponsorship Opportunities**

Behind every great VAEEC event are sponsors who make it all possible! As a show of appreciation, sponsors receive **multiple benefits**, including exposure before, during, and after the event and complimentary registrations to create networking opportunities with Virginia’s leading energy efficiency professionals. Don’t miss out on the only event specifically focused on advancing energy efficiency in the Commonwealth. Contact **info@vaeec.org** for details.

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**Mark Your Calendars**

Don't miss these important dates for energy efficiency.

- **March 24th**: Viridiant Building Professional Training
- **March 30th**: Early Bird Registration opens for the VAEEC Spring 2020 Forum
- **April 1st**: VAEEC Demand Side Management webinar
- **April 6th**: Public Comments on the Draft Statewide Building Code due
- **April 6th - 9th**: Electrification 2020, Charlotte, NC
- **April 23rd - 24th**: Viridiant Building Sustainability Conference and Building Sustainability Tour
- **April 24th**: Henrico County Earth Day and Energy Fair
- **May 14th**: VAEEC Spring Forum and Trade Show

Do you have an event or deadline you'd like to include on our upcoming Community Calendar? **Let us know!**

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Get Involved
Apply for our Board of Directors

Are you interested in serving on the VAEEC Board of Directors? There are currently a few open seats that members will elect at our upcoming Spring Forum on May 14th.

We are seeking VAEEC members who are passionately interested in developing our organization to become the premier voice and leader on energy efficiency in Virginia. To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to info@vaeec.org. Resumes are due by April 1.

Membership Has its Benefits!

From our founding in 2012, we have worked to bring together voices from every corner of the energy efficiency sector to advance policies and programs that help our industry grow. As a VAEEC member, you get:

- Free or reduced registrations to our premiere events attended by over 100 industry professionals
- Access to member-only resources such as our directory and legislative updates
- Training and education opportunities with our webinar series
- Networking opportunities with potential new clients and industry leaders

Become part of our powerful coalition of innovators and leaders. Everything we do comes back to our members, as together, we work towards an exciting and efficient future.

Become a Member

New Members

The VAEEC Board and staff welcome our newest members!
Renewing Members

Our work would not be successful without the continued support from our members!

News and Resources

**Bill to Encourage EE Construction Introduced in U.S. Senate** *(Daily Energy Insider)*

**Improving the Efficiency of Buildings** *(Schneider Electric)*

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