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Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Toolkit

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) **Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE or Commercial PACE) Toolkit** is an outcome of DOE's C-PACE Working Group. The C-PACE Working Group represents a three-year partnership (2018–2020) of state and local governments that worked together to learn about, launch, and refine C-PACE financing programs. By 2021, the

working group stimulated **$70 million** in C-PACE investments among 17 state and local partners, exceeding a $60 million goal two years ahead of schedule.

DOE's collaboration with more than 70 participants, including more than 30 state and local government participants ([see the full list below](#)), resulted in tools and resources to inform public-sector C-PACE program development and implementation. State and local governments can use these resources to build a foundational understanding of C-PACE, inform the decision to start a program, improve implementation, and apply C-PACE to support a range of public purpose objectives.

Why Commercial PACE Matters for State and Local Governments

C-PACE is authorized by state legislation, requires further authorization from local governments, and is a voluntary tool for financing energy efficiency, renewable energy, and resilience upgrades in commercial buildings. More than 37 states and Washington, D.C., have adopted C-PACE enabling legislation because of the opportunities for investment in local businesses, energy and cost savings, and job creation. C-PACE programs have resulted in more than $2 billion in private capital investment in commercial building upgrades in more than 20 states.

State and local governments adopt C-PACE to generate jobs, stimulate economic development, and combat climate change. State and local governments can advance these public purpose objectives through C-PACE with little to no investment of public funds while being engaged and supportive of program outcomes. By leveraging DOE's tools and resources, state and local governments can make more informed decisions and ensure their C-PACE programs achieve public purpose objectives.

Introducing the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Toolkit

The Commercial PACE, or C-PACE, Toolkit is a four-part compilation of resources that any state or local government can use to navigate barriers and benefit from C-PACE financing. Toolkit resources support best practices and innovative approaches successfully used by states and local governments to establish, join, or design a C-PACE program, implement a program and generate project uptake, and apply C-PACE to support underserved communities or advance resilience objectives.

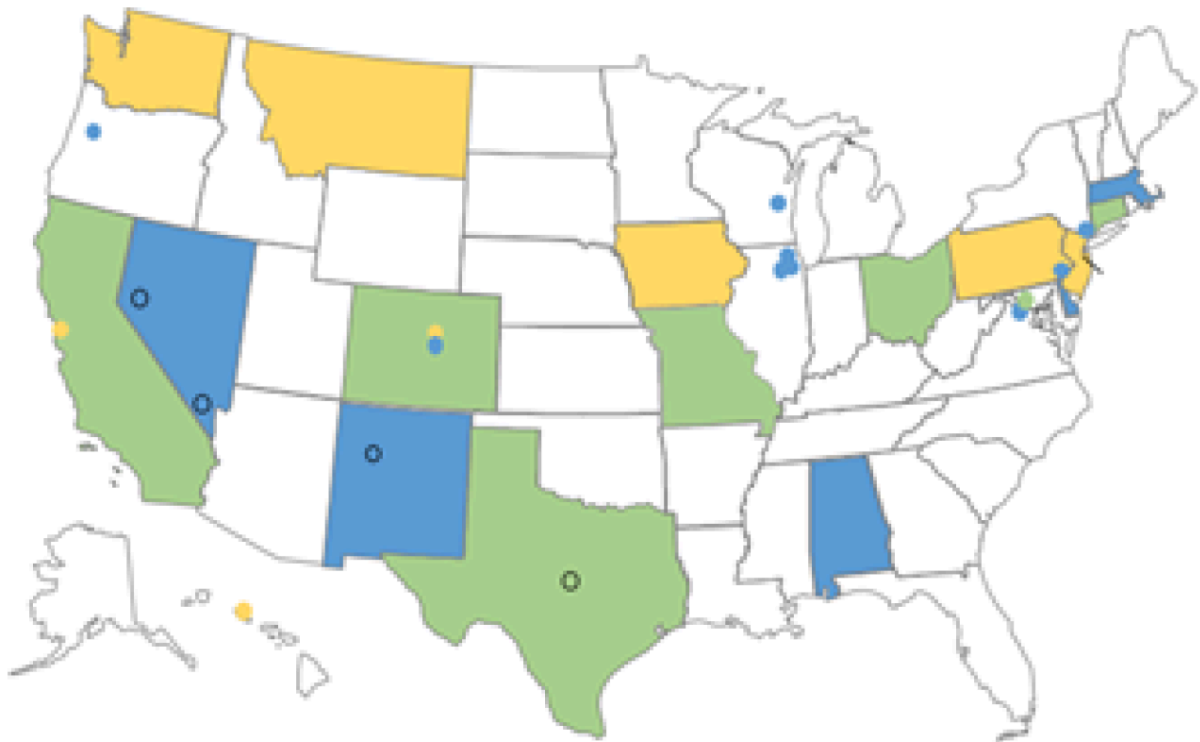[Download a printable version of the C-PACE Toolkit.](#)

Part 1—C-PACE 101: Build a Foundation ⌄

Part 2—Establish, Join, or Design a Program ⌄

Part 3—Implement a Program and Generate Uptake ⌄

Part 4—Topics of Special Interest ⌄

C-PACE Working Group Participants

State and Local Participants ⌄

Market Partners ⌄

Definitions - Working Group Participants ⌄

State and Local Participant Map

[C-PACE Working Group Year in Review (2018-2019)](#)

Additional Resources

Resources designed to support and grow the C-PACE market are available from leading national and state-based organizations. Visit the following websites curated by C-PACE leaders to find more resources:

- [PACENation](#)
- [C-PACE Alliance](#)
- [National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO)](#)
- [Keeping PACE in Texas](#) .

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