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Leveraging State Funds in Energy Efficiency Financing

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- Only national non-profit organization whose membership includes the 56 governor-designated energy officials from each state and territory.
- Created to improve the effectiveness and quality of state energy programs and policies, provide policy input and analysis, and share successes among the states.
- Members are senior officials from the State and Territory Energy Offices, as well as affiliates from the private and public sectors, who work on a wide range of energy programs and policies, including:
 - □ Energy efficiency in residential, commercial, public and industrial buildings;
 - □ Renewable energy, such as solar, wind, geothermal and biomass;
 - Oil, natural gas, electricity and other forms of energy production and distribution;
 - New and emerging high efficiency transportation fuels and technologies;
 - Energy security and emergency preparedness, and many other energy matters.

Overview of State Energy Offices (SEOs):

- 56 Governor-designated State and Territory Energy Offices (SEOs) nationwide.
- States spur energy-related economic development, minimize the environmental impact of growth, crafting energy solutions that address their citizens' needs and increase our national energy security.
- Funding form for programs under the direction of the governors or legislatures, as well as federal appropriations for the costshared U.S. State Energy Program.
- SEOs invest \$4 billion of their own funds derived from appropriations, bonding, and system benefit charges each year.
- NASEO represents all 56 SEOs, and is organized around seven regions with coordinators that aid State and Local governments in sharing lessons learned.

U.S. State Energy Program (SEP): Overview

- Authorized by Congress at \$125 million and is delivered by the 56 Governordesignated State and Territory Energy Offices (SEOs).
 - Fosters greater energy efficiency in manufacturing to retain jobs and improve competitiveness.
 - Supports private sector energy innovations through business incubators, job training, pilots, and demonstrations.
- Each \$1 of SEP funding is associated with annual savings of 1.03 million source BTUs and a cost savings of \$7.22, and is leveraged by \$10.71 of state and private funds.
- Under ARRA, an additional \$3 billion was allocated to SEOs. Over 90% of these funds are under contract and expended for state-selected projects.

State Energy Office Investments in Technology and Commercialization

- State Energy Offices and their in-state partners provide support for technology and commercialization as an economic development strategy.
- Support is targeted to specific intervention points along the commercialization curve.
- States can provide flexible solutions in:
 - Grants
 - Equity investments
 - Debt through loans
 - Convertible debt
 - Credit enhancements
- States are investing funds from a variety of sources such as:
 - Public bonding initiatives
 - Utility ratepayer funds
 - State appropriations
 - Federal grants
 - Revolving loan funds

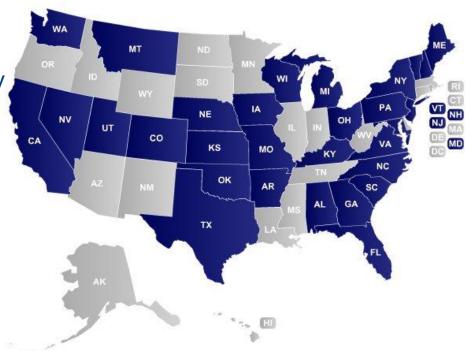
State Energy Efficiency Financial Incentives

Financial Incentive	Number of States
Personal or Corporate Tax Credit	11
Sales Tax Deduction/Exemption	9
Rebates	25
Grants	12
State Property Tax Incentives	7
Loan Programs	44
Bonds	3

Source: Database of State Incentives for Renewable Energy & Efficiency. <u>www.dsireusa.org</u>

* NASEO Initiatives: State Energy Loan Fund(SELF) Database

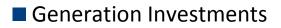
- 34 states
- 66 funds
- Nearly \$1 billion in state energy loan funds
- Contains Information on:
 - Funding sources
 - Fund size and focus
 - Web links
 - Contact information



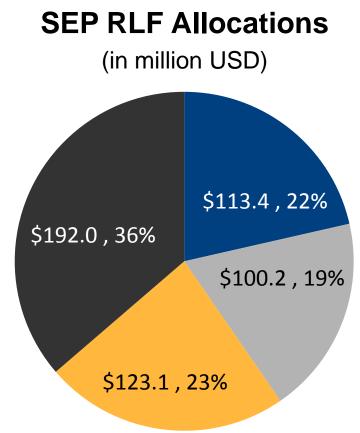
http://www.naseo.org/resources/selfs

Revolving Loan Funds: Extending the impact of ARRA Funds

- Long-term funding mechanisms that "revolve" and extend the life of loan funds
- SEP grantees placed
 \$529 million into RLFs



- Retooling/Manufacturing
- All Sectors EE
- Public EE/RE



Data Source: DOE Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program

NASEO Initiatives: State Financing Task Force

- Monthly calls and periodic meetings to share energyrelated financing best practices in such areas as:
 - PACE programs commercial and residential (ME, FL, VT)
 - Self-Funding, Statewide Energy Savings Performance Contracting Programs – state and local government buildings and facilities (MN, CT, GA, NC, WA, WI)
 - Statewide utility on-bill financing for energy efficiency retrofits residential and small business (e.g., NY, KS)
 - QECBs linked to public facilities retrofits and loan fund leverage (\$3.2 billion allocated by Congress for QECBs in 2009)
 - Technology commercialization and investment funds linking equity investments, business incubators, and private and university research (FL, VA, CA, NY)

+ NASEO Partner Initiatives:

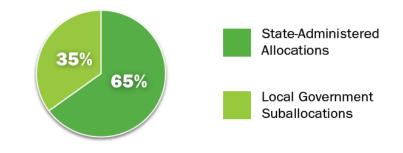
Warehouse for Energy Efficiency Loans (WHEEL)

- Collaboration between Energy Programs Consortium, PA Treasury Dept., Renewable Funding, and Citigroup Global Markets
- Developing the first true secondary market for energy efficiency loans
- How WHEEL works:
 - Public funds transferred to custodial account.
 - Funds drawn to support purchase of loan in sponsor's jurisdiction.
 - Aggregated loans secure bond issuance to secondary market investors.
 - Revenues from loan pool returned to private investors and sponsors.
 - Option to recycle program income to support future lending.
- NASEO primer on WHEEL: <u>http://www.naseo.org/committees/financing/documents/WHEEL_Primer.pdf</u>

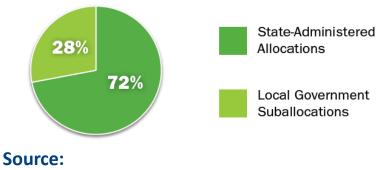
NASEO Briefing Report: Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds

- Major findings:
 - At least 101 projects financed with QECBs were completed in 23 states for a total of \$624 million
 - Higher state involvement can result in increased use of QECBs
 - States and cities need support to ensure that bonds are being used effectively
- Recent guidance issued from the IRS clarifies qualified uses of QECB proceeds

Figure 1: Number of Projects (by percentage)







www.naseo.org/resources/financing/qecb/QEC B_Briefing_Report.pdf

State Case Study: Ohio Third Frontier

- \$2.3 billion initiative supported by state bond issuances
- Objectives are:
 - Create new technology-based products, companies, industries and jobs
 - Support applied research and technology commercialization
 - Provide entrepreneurial assistance and early-stage capital
 - Support expansion of skilled workforce
- Energy is a priority with dedicated funding for energy efficiency, wind, biomass, storage, photovoltaics, and fuel cells
- \$681 million of state investments achieved (2003 – 2008):
 - \$6.6 billion of economic activity
 - 41,300 total jobs
 - \$2.4 billion in employee wages and benefits

New York's On-Bill Recovery Financing Program

- Administered by NYSERDA
- On-Bill Recovery Financing Program is a way to obtain loans for all-fuel EE improvements
- Loans are repaid through a charge on the customer's electric and/or gas utility bill
- Home improvements must meet Home Performance with ENERGY STAR standards
- Loan is structured so that projected energy savings equal or exceed loan payments
- Homeowner may finance up to \$25k if payback period is 15 years or less (\$13k if period is longer)

- Loan loss reserve created by Colorado Energy Office (CEO)
 - Administered by the Colorado Housing Finance Authority on behalf of the CEO
- Strong economic development rationale:
 - Provides incentives to private lenders throughout CO to make small commercial loans up to \$100k for capital improvements promoting EE and RE
- Reserve serves as "backup" to enable participating lenders to make loans to borrowers who would not normally qualify

Green Bank of Kentucky

- Founded 2009 with \$14.17 million from SEP funds
 - First loan issued 2010 to KY Department of Education
- Managed through partnership between the Energy and Environment Cabinet and the Finance and Administration Cabinet
- Among the first funds in the nation to provide low-interest RLF dedicated to energy efficiency upgraded for state facilities
- 3 loan types:
 - eSELF: Projects between \$50k and \$225k
 - Hybrid: Between \$50k and \$600k
 - ESPC: More than \$600k
- Projects to-date include: schools, training centers, state agency and cabinet offices, correctional facilities

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