Technical Assistance Overview

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF **ENERGY** | **Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy**

SEP & EECBG Technical Assistance Program:
Creating Jobs, Building Clean Energy Capacity

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Outline

- Goals & Objectives

- Key Principles

- Approach & Delivery

- Accessing TA

    – Online resources: Solution Center

    – Provider network: Technical Assistance Center (TAC)

- Next Steps

Goal: To provide SEP & EECBG recipients with the resources needed to swiftly implement successful and sustainable clean energy programs.

Objectives

- Accelerate implementation, by proactively providing assistance to grantees
- Improve the performance of programs and projects, by connecting grantees to technical expertise and sharing best practices
- Increase the return on Recovery Act investments, by focusing on highly-leveraged initiatives
- Increase the sustainability of Recovery Act investments, by assisting grantees in developing polices and programs
- Build protracted capacity at the state, local, and tribal level, by supporting and expanding a network of energy practitioners

Key Principles

- Team Approach
  - DOE Headquarters
  - DOE Project Officers
  - State and Local Regional Coordinators
  - Provider Network
  - TAP Infrastructure (TAC and Call Center)
- Streamlined assistance, minimizing layers of bureaucracy
- Dynamic and flexible framework, capable of responding to your needs and growing as demand requires

- Establish a network of technical experts to develop materials and provide one-on-one assistance
- Create an online portal to house TA resources
- Deploy *regional coordinators* that 1) connect grantees to technical assistance resources and 2) identify emerging trends and needs
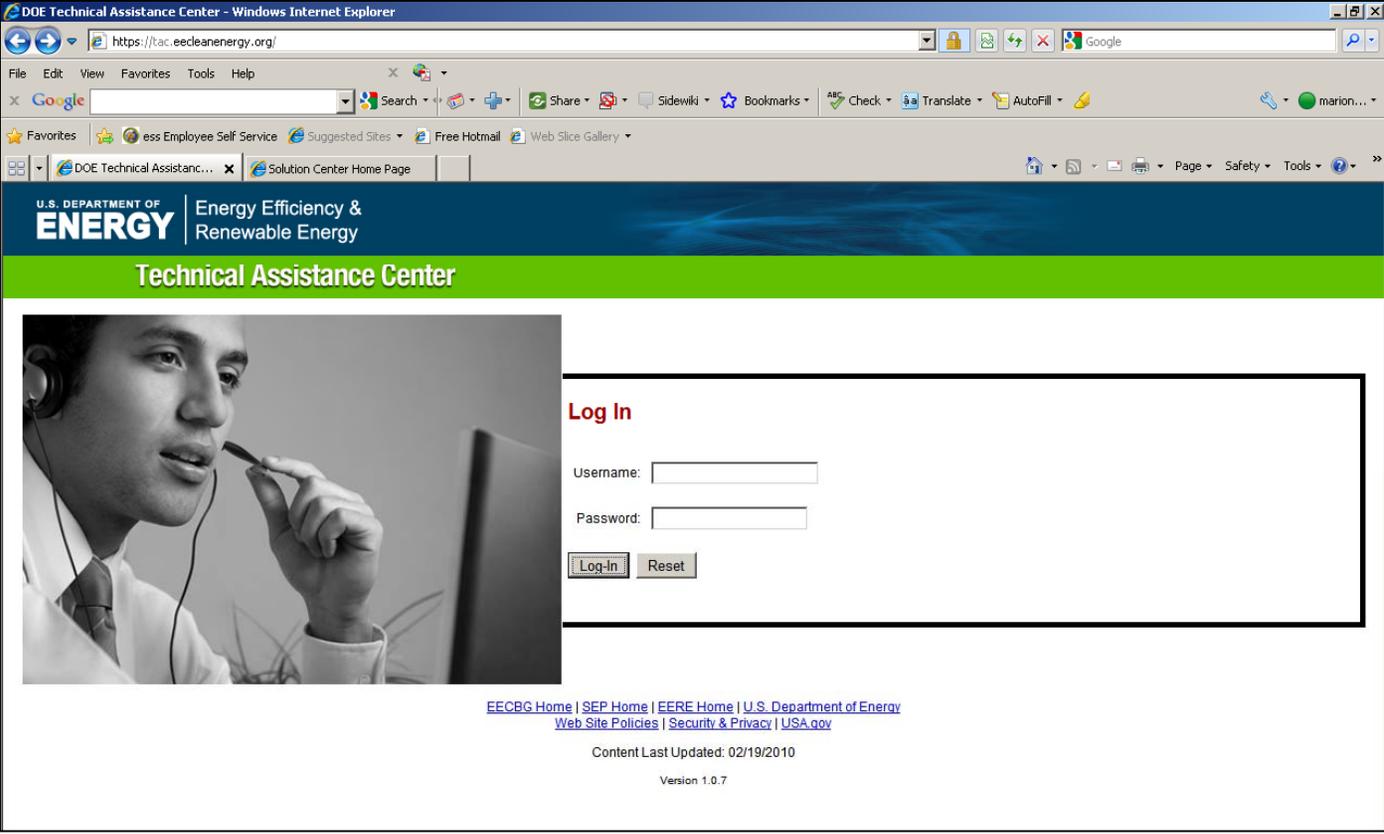- Create infrastructure to systematically manage TA requests

Solution Center 2.0 live now: http://wip.energy.gov/solutioncenter

Resources include: best practices, templates, webinars, project map, events calendar, TAP blog

Accessing TA: Provider Network

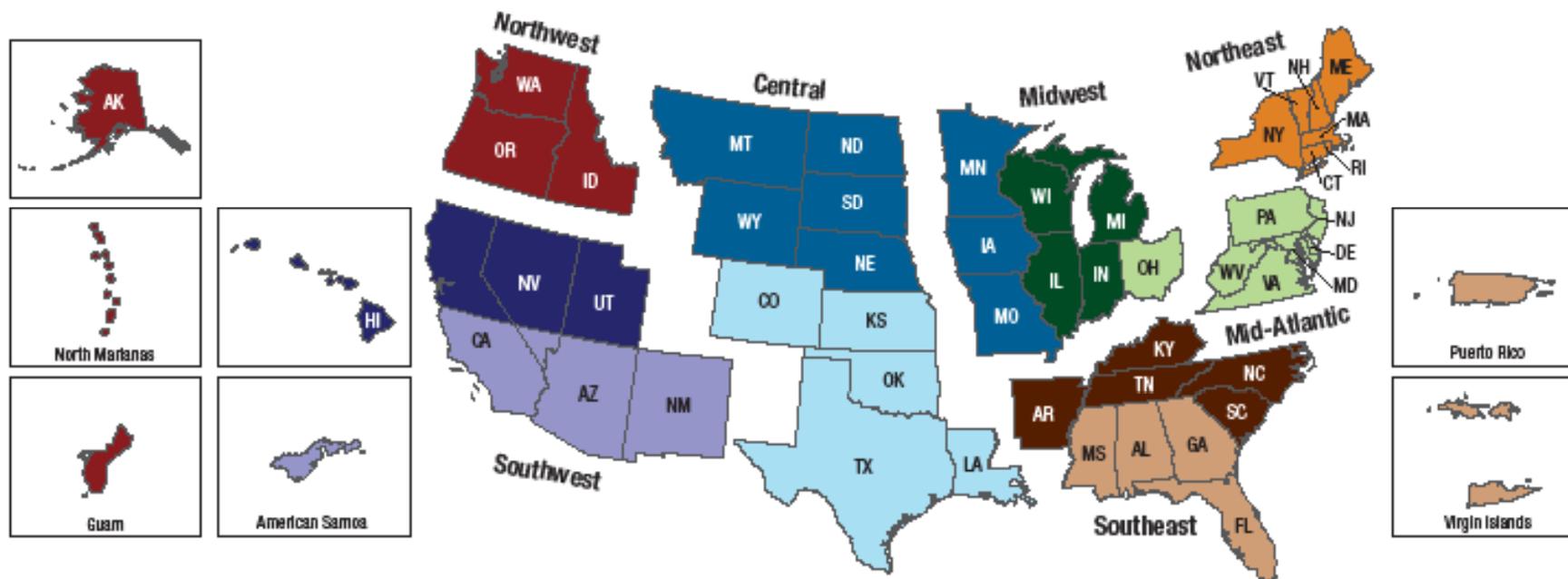Technical Assistance Center live now: https://tac.eecleanenergy.org/

Make a request for direct technical assistance here
or call 1-877-EERE-TAP (1-877-337-3827)

Who is TAP?

DOE National Laboratories: National Renewable Energy Lab, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Oak Ridge National Laboratory • American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy • Ballard Spahr, LLP • Boise State Environmental Finance Center • Catalyst Financial Group • Center for Climate Strategies, Inc. • E. P. System Group • Energy Efficiency Finance Corporation • Energy Futures Group • Energy Programs Consortium • Energy Services Coalition • Great Lakes Environmental Finance Center • HarcourtBrown • ICF International • Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance • National Association of State Energy Officials • National Association of Counties • National Governors Association • National Resources Defense Council • New England Environmental Finance Center • New Mexico Tech Environmental Finance Center • Northcross, Hill & Ach • Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships • Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance • Public Technology Institute • Renewable Funding • Sentech, Inc. • Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance • Southwest Energy Efficiency Project • Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future • Syracuse Environmental Finance Center • Tensleep Advisory • The Cadmus Group, Inc. • University of Delaware Center for Energy and Environmental Policy • University of Louisville Environmental Finance Center • University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center • University of North Carolina Environmental Finance Center • University of North Carolina School of Government • Vermont Energy Investment Corporation

EECBG/SEP TTA Regional Coordinators

Map labels:

- **Northwest**: WA, OR, ID, AK, HI, Guam, American Samoa, North Marianas
- **Central**: MT, ND, SD, WY, NE, MN
- **Midwest**: WI, MI, IA, IL, IN, OH, MO
- **Northeast**: VT, NH, ME, NY, MA, RI, CT
- **Mid-Atlantic**: PA, NJ, DE, WV, VA, MD
- **Southwest**: CA, NV, UT, AZ, NM
- **South Central**: CO, KS, OK, TX, LA
- **Southeast**: KY, TN, NC, SC, AR, MS, AL, GA, FL
- **Puerto Rico**, **Virgin Islands**

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State and Local Capacity Building	• Trainings • Workshops • Peer-to-peer matching
Technical	• Renewable energy siting and development • Review of technical specs for RFPs • Strategic planning, energy management, and conservation strategies • Green building technologies • Building codes
Program Design and Implementation	• Policy and program development • Coordinating rate-payer funded dollars with ARRA projects and programs • Sustainable community and building design • State and regional EE and RE assessments and planning • EE and RE portfolio program design elements
Financial	Program design support and guidance on financing mechanisms such as: • Revolving loan funds (RLFs) • Property-assessed clean energy (PACE) • Loan loss reserves and enhanced credit mechanisms
Performance Contracting	• Designing and implementing a performance contract • Leveraging private investment • Reducing institutional barriers • Tracking and comparing programs

RC Problem Solving for Direct Grantees

List of Problems Already Solved

1) Oriented grantees to how the TAP can work for them

2) Answered questions about reporting for direct recipients:
   - Where to Report (PAGE & Federalreporting.gov)
   - Directing to PAGE help
   - Identifying common stumbling blocks

3) Put grantees in touch with the correct Project Officer

4) Troubleshot technical assistance needs and make tailored requests for grantees

5) Provided quality assurance on lost or stalled technical assistance requests

6) Addressed ASAP questions or referred to ASAP help

7) Provided Buy American resources and connection to Subject Matter Experts

8) Provided Davis Bacon resources and connection to Subject Matter Experts

9) Referred NEPA Review Questions to Subject Matter Experts

10) Informed grantees about success stories and Energyempowers.gov

TAP can provide resources and facilitate connections that may be useful to grantees in maintaining programs beyond ARRA:

- Peer-to-peer matching with other grantees
- Collaborating with city and county grantees on local/regional programs
- Connecting with utilities and regional energy efficiency alliances
- Program Financing
- Energy Savings Performance Contracting

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