

November 2010: Upcoming Climate and Energy Webcasts for State and Local Governments

Thirteen upcoming webcasts are being offered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Energy (DOE). All webcasts are offered free of charge, but space may be limited.

State and Local Climate and Energy Program Webcasts

- Adaptation Planning and Implementation, December 15
- Federal Resources and Support for Climate Change Adaptation, January 13

Additional EPA Webcast Opportunities

- ENERGY STAR K-12 Benchmarking 101, November 30
- EPA Watershed Academy Webcast on Climate Change Adaptation Tools for Addressing Water Issues, December 2
- Financing Energy Efficient Upgrades with ENERGY STAR, December 2
- Benchmarking in Portfolio Manager for State and Local Governments, December 7
- ENERGY STAR and Green Building Rating Programs, December 8
- Purchasing and Procuring Efficient Equipment, December 15

Department of Energy (DOE) Solution Center for EECBG and SEP Recipients

- Community Renewables Projects, November 30
- Defining and Establishing the Role of a Sustainability Manager, December 2
- Building Actionable Climate Action Plans, December 6
- Overcoming Barriers to Solar PV and Solar Water Heating, December 8
- ESPC Pricing and Financing, December 16

*****State and Local Climate and Energy Webcasts**

EPA hosts the State Climate and Energy Technical Forums and Local Climate and Energy Webcast Series to assist local governments with climate change and clean energy efforts. These regular webcasts highlight EPA resources and present examples of successful state and local climate and energy programs and policies. For more information or to view past webcasts, visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/web-podcasts/index.html>.

December 15, 2010, 2-3:30 pm (EST): Adaptation Planning and Implementation

The second session of this webcast mini-series will focus on frameworks that state and local governments can use to assess vulnerability to climate change, develop adaptation action plans, and implement adaptation strategies for building resilience--all in the light of uncertainty regarding climate change impacts. Particular emphasis will be placed on the importance of coordinating climate mitigation and adaptation efforts and integrating adaptation considerations into existing operations. An overview of the general status of adaptation efforts across the United States will be provided, and specific state and local case studies will be shared. To register for the webcast, visit: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/114040154>. Please note that the audio portion of this webcast will only be available by dialing into a toll-free conference call.

January 13, 2011, 2-3:30 pm (EST): Federal Resources and Support for Climate Change Adaptation

The third webcast in this series will discuss the role of the federal government in promoting adaptation to climate change in the United States. Presenters will summarize the recent recommendations of the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) for creating a national climate change adaptation strategy; next steps for implementing this strategy; and the existing guidance, data, tools, and other resources that state and local governments can access to support their adaptation efforts. Opportunities and strategies for fostering coordination across levels of government will be highlighted, and a case study of successful collaboration will be shared. To register, visit: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/371104282>. Please note that the audio portion of this webcast will only be available by dialing into a toll-free conference call.

*****EPA Watershed Academy Webcast**

EPA's Watershed Academy is pleased to sponsor free webcast seminars for local watershed organizations, municipal leaders, and others.

December 2, 2010, 1-3:00 pm (EST): Climate Change Adaptation Tools for Addressing Water Issues

EPA has developed several programs to help communities adapt to climate change, including EPA's Climate Ready Water Utilities program, which provides resources for the water sector to develop and implement long-range plans that account for climate change impacts, and EPA's Climate Ready Estuaries program, which works within the National Estuaries Program to assess climate change vulnerabilities, engage stakeholders, implement adaptation strategies, and share lessons learned with other coastal managers. Tune into this webcast to learn more about these adaptation programs, with case studies from Spartanburg, South Carolina, water utilities on addressing climate change impacts, including efforts to conduct a vulnerability assessment and stakeholder involvement, and from the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, which is developing climate change vulnerability assessments, adaptation plans, and indicators under the Climate Ready Estuaries program.

Webcast participants are eligible to receive a certificate for their attendance. To register and download presentations prior to the webcast, visit: http://water.epa.gov/learn/training/wacademy/webcasts_index.cfm

*****ENERGY STAR Webcasts**

ENERGY STAR offers free online training to help you improve the energy performance of your organization. To register for any of these trainings or to see other upcoming ENERGY STAR trainings, visit: <https://energystar.webex.com>

November 30, 2010, 2:00-3:00 pm (EST): K-12 Benchmarking 101

ENERGY STAR offers free online training to help you improve the energy performance of your organization. EPA will host this webcast to teach attendees the basics of benchmarking K-12 buildings using EPA's Portfolio Manager tool. Portfolio Manager can help measure and track energy and water use across an entire portfolio of buildings. Buildings can earn an energy performance rating as compared with peer

facilities across the country, and top-performing buildings are eligible for national recognition. This session will be repeated on December 16, 2010.

December 2, 2010, 2:00-3:00 pm (EST): Financing Energy Efficient Upgrades with Energy Star

Learn how public sector organizations are improving energy efficiency with innovative solutions to financial barriers. Attendees will learn about financing projects in the public and private sectors, the basics of performance contracting, and how EPA's tools and resources can help you make the decision to improve your facilities now or later.

December 7, 2010, 2:00-3:00 pm (EST): Benchmarking in Portfolio Manager for State and Local Governments

This session will review EPA's online energy management tool, Portfolio Manager, which allows you track the progress of energy efficiency efforts and compare the energy use of your buildings with peer buildings across the country. Attendees will learn how to measure and track energy use and carbon dioxide emission reductions to establish baseline energy use, prioritize investments, set goals, and track improvements over time.

December 8, 2010, 2:00-3:30 pm (EST): ENERGY STAR and Green Building Rating Programs

During this session, attendees will learn how to use EPA tools and resources to help meet requirements for green building rating systems such as the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), the Green Globes system, and others.

December 15, 2010, 1:00-2:00 pm (EST): Purchasing and Procuring Efficient Equipment

ENERGY STAR will host this webcast covering resources to help your organization purchase products with superior energy performance, guidelines that define energy performance for numerous products, sample procurement language, and software that calculates the life cycle costs of products.

*****DOE Solution Center Webcasts**

DOE offers free online training to help organizations improve their energy performance. To register for any of these trainings or to view past webcasts, visit: <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/wip/solutioncenter/webcasts/default.html>

November 30, 2010, 2:00-3:00 pm (EST): Community Renewables Projects

Communities are increasingly looking for effective and financially appropriate ways to develop renewable energy projects. In response to site-specific limitations, market conditions, and the local regulatory environment, some communities have developed creative renewable project models that aggregate funds from individual contributors with the goal of lowering costs, easing the burden of ownership, and providing extended access to renewable energy sources. This webinar will share information on some successful approaches.

December 2, 2010, 12:00-1:30 pm (EST): Defining and Establishing the Role of a Sustainability Manager

This presentation will provide information on defining and establishing the role of an energy resource manager.

December 6, 2010, 2:00—3:00 pm (EST): Building Actionable Climate Action Plans

Designing a climate action plan and not sure where to start? Learn from a climate action planning veteran on how to build an effective climate action plan using the 5-step ICLEI model.

December 8, 2010, 1:00-2:30 pm (EST): Overcoming Barriers to Solar PV and Solar Water Heating Implementation

This webinar describes some common barriers that government agencies face in implementing solar PV and SWH projects on their public buildings and provides tactics and information for overcoming site, technology, vendor, and financial measurement barriers.

December 16, 2010, 1:30-2:30 pm (EST): ESPC Pricing and Financing

This webinar will provide direction and guidance on the use of the tools developed for tracking and estimating savings



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State and local officials interested in additional information about developing and implementing cost-effective climate and energy strategies that help further environmental goals and achieve public health and economic benefits may visit: <http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate>