

NASEO Residential Energy Efficiency and Beneficial Electrification Task Force: Progress and Recommendations

- Introductory meetings with State Energy Offices on statute requirements and goals for both rebate programs (September – October 2022)
- State Energy Office engagement with the private sector to inform NASEO's initial state recommendations for DOE (October – December 2022)
- NASEO submitted the State Energy Office's initial recommendations to Secretary of Energy Granholm (January 26, 2023)

NASEO Recommendations

General Recommendations

1. Afford States Flexibility in Program Design
2. Utilize a Phased Guidance and Funding Approach
3. Collaborate with State Energy Offices on Development of Program Guidance
4. Provide Regular Updates on Program Actions to State Energy Offices
5. Prioritize the Consumer Experiences
6. Conduct Cross-Office Collaboration
7. Allow for Categorical Eligibility in Income Verification
8. Communicate Confirmation that Rebates Can Be Used in Conjunction with Tax Credits

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HOMES and HEEHR Program-Specific Recommendations

1. Confirm HOMES and HEEHR Rebates May be Used in the Same Home
2. Affirm that Rebates Should Not be Issued for Purchases Completed Before the Launch of a State's Rebate Program
3. Allow for Non-Electric Supplemental Systems

NASEO Recommendations

Contractor Training Recommendations

1. Distribute State-Based Home Energy Efficiency Contractor Training Grants By Formula
2. Distribute State-Based Home Energy Efficiency Contractor Training Grants to States No Later Than the HOMES and HEEHR Rebate Funds

NASEO REEBE Task Force Next Steps

1. Prepare additional recommendations for DOE (e.g., income verification, quality assurance, consumer protection, braiding of resources)
2. Prepare and submit RFI response to DOE
3. Conduct meetings among State Energy Offices and private-sector partners on lessons learned from residential energy efficiency programs
4. Develop a sample set of implementation options for state consideration
5. Prepare a NASEO request for program implantation qualifications and/or solicitation examples for consideration by State Energy Offices
6. Conduct ongoing meetings with manufacturers, retailers, implementers, and federal partners