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Energy Office Staff Attend 2022 NASEO Energy Policy Outlook Conference



Energy Office Director Sara Bazemore and Deputy Director Catherine Reed attended the 2022 National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) Energy Policy Outlook Conference in Washington, DC. The conference included information to help advance the Energy Office's work in the state. Director Bazemore had the opportunity to speak at the Regional Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Roundtable, sharing ideas on how states may utilize Infrastructure Act funds.

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Energy Office to be Featured in VirtualSC Course

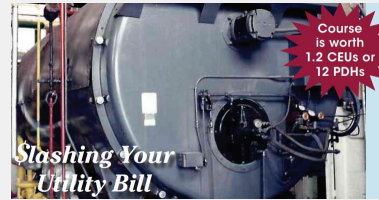
Earlier this month, the South Carolina Department of Education's VirtualSC recorded a segment on energy in South Carolina with Senior Energy Specialist Stacey Washington. VirtualSC is a free state-sponsored online program serving students currently attending public, private, and home schools in grades 7-12 and Adult Education Programs. The segment will be part of the curriculum for VirtualSC's 11th grade physics course.



[Learn more](#)

Save the Date: HVAC Improvement Course – Spring 2022

The Energy Office is hosting a virtual HVAC Improvement Course. The objective of this course is to develop the participants' abilities to recognize cost-saving measures in HVAC equipment/operation and then to implement the necessary changes to realize these savings.



May 18 - 19, 2022
8 AM - 4 PM each day

[Learn more](#)

ASCEM Scholarship Applications Due March 1st

The Mark A. Martin Association of South Carolina Energy Managers (ASCEM) Scholarship assists ASCEM members with education expenses of their family members. The student must be a graduating senior from a South Carolina school and must plan to continue their education in some form after graduation. Applications for the \$1,000 scholarship are due March 1, 2022.



[Learn more](#)

Miles Hanley and Richland County School District One Named Energy Manager/Project of the Year

The Association of South Carolina Energy Managers (ASCEM) presented its 2021 Energy Manager of the Year and Energy Project of the Year awards to Miles Hanley and Richland County School District One on December 14, 2021. The Energy Project of the Year was a performance contract for the district that included energy efficiency conservation measures and a solar installation. **Congratulations Miles Hanley and Richland County School District One!**



During the 2022 Tri-Association Conference in March, awards will be given for the 2022 Energy Manager of the Year and Energy Project of the Year.

[Learn more](#)

UofSC After Five Career Lecture Series Highlights Careers in Energy

Earlier this month, Senior Energy Specialist Stacey Washington spoke to students at the After Five Career Lecture at the University of South Carolina about her career and journey to the Energy Office.

[Learn more](#)



Energy Office Partners with SC SBDC on Small Business and Farms Energy Grants and Incentives Webinar

Energy Specialist Rick Campana spoke at the Small Business and Farms Energy Grants and Incentives webinar hosted by the South Carolina Small Business Development Centers (SC SBDC). Rick spoke about the Energy Saver Tool, various funding programs, and the Energy Technical Assistance Program.

[Learn more](#)



Tri-Association Conference March Registration Information

The annual Tri-Association of Facility Managers Conference— which includes information for those involved with ASCEM, the Association of State Planning and Construction Officials, and the SC Association of Physical Plant Administrators— will be held March 12-15, 2022 in Myrtle Beach, SC.



SC Tri Association of Facility Managers

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South Carolina Office of Resilience Seeks Input for a Statewide Resilience Plan

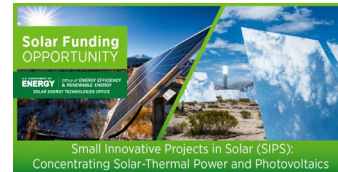
The South Carolina Office of Resilience is in the process of developing a state [Resilience Plan](#). The agency is seeking input from citizens around the state about their experiences with flooding in order to better inform the Resilience Plan. Citizens are encouraged to complete [this survey](#) to share details about flooding in their areas and to encourage their communities to complete the survey as well. A printable flyer with links and information about the survey can be accessed on the [South Carolina Office of Resilience](#) website.

[Learn more](#)



USDOE Funding Notice: Small Innovative Projects in Solar 2022

The United States Department of Energy (USDOE) Solar Energy Technologies Office announced the [Small Innovative Projects \(SIPS\) in Solar 2022: Concentrating Solar Thermal Power and Photovoltaics funding program](#).



This program will award up to \$5 million for projects that seek to fund innovative research and development seedling projects in photovoltaics and concentrating solar-thermal power technologies. This will help expand USDOE's effort to accelerate the large-scale development and deployment of solar technology.

[Learn more](#)

Energy-Saving Tips For Your Computer

If you wonder when you should turn off your computer to save energy, consider the following guidelines:



- Turn off the monitor if you aren't going to use your computer for more than 20 minutes.
- Turn off both the tower and the monitor if you're not going to use your computer for more than two hours.

[Learn more](#)

USDOE Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Programs

Over the next five years, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will stand up 60 new USDOE programs, including 16 demonstration and 32 deployment programs, and expand funding for 12 existing Research, Development Demonstration, and Deployment (RDD&D) programs.



[Learn more](#)

Sign Up to Receive Funding Notices from USDOE

The USDOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) has launched a new email list to share its open funding opportunities and prizes. Researchers, entrepreneurs, academics, professionals, and other stakeholders are encouraged to sign up to receive information about open funding programs for all of EERE's clean energy technologies.



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Employee Spotlight



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I enjoy working with the dedicated staff of the Energy Office to provide technical assistance, helping South Carolina consumers, businesses, and organizations become more energy efficient.

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Rick Campana
Energy Specialist

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Upcoming Events



Building Operator Certification Bundle Course

February 18 - June 24, 2022
Greenville Technical College

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Lightweight Secondary Windows: New Report & Webinar

March 3, 2022
Webinar

[Learn more](#)



SC Tri Association of Facility Managers

**2022 Transportation Association
of SC Annual Training Event, Expo
& Bus Rodeo**
March 3 - 6, 2022
Westin Hilton Head Island Resort &
Spa

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Tri-Association Conference
March 12 - 15, 2022
Myrtle Beach, SC

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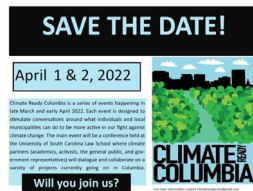
**Electrification 2022: Collaborating
for a Clean-Energy Future**
March 14 - 17, 2022
Charlotte, NC

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**Solar Energy Technology Basic
(Hybrid) Course**
March 4 - April 8, 2022
Greenville Technical College

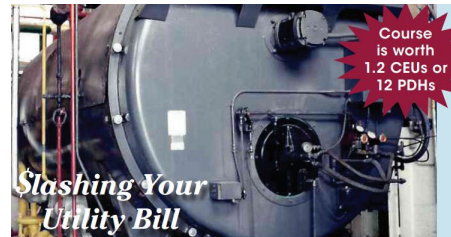
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Climate Ready Columbia Events
April 1- April 2, 2022
Columbia, SC

Sustainable Yard Tour
April 3, 2022
Columbia, SC

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HVAC Improvement Course
May 18 - May 19, 2022

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**National Clean Energy
Week**



**Solar Photovoltaic
Systems (Hybrid)
Course**
April 22 - June 24,
2022



**Southeast Energy
Summit**
October 3 - 5, 2022
Atlanta, GA

September 26 - 30,
2022

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Greenville Technical
College

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Additional News & Resources

[2021 Annual Report on the Implementation of State Government Energy Conservation \(PDF\)](#)

[A Guidebook to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(Website\)](#)

[NASEO Infrastructure Act Resource Hub \(Website\)](#)

[Pine Gate Renewables Announces Saluda & Lexington Counties as Home to 20th Solar Project in South Carolina \(Website\)](#)

[Saving Energy: 2021 How Electric and Natural Gas Utilities in South Carolina Are Using Demand-Side Management Demand-Site Management \(PDF\)](#)

[USDA Rural Energy Pilot Program Grant \(Website\)](#)

[USDOE Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Programs \(Website\)](#)

About the South Carolina Energy Office

The Energy Office, housed within the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, serves as the principal energy planning entity for the state. The mission of the Energy Office is to advance South Carolina's energy strategy and policy through education and outreach. The Energy Office promotes the efficient use of all energy sources. In addition, the Energy Office encourages energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation through a broad range of initiatives that include developing the State Energy Plan, providing technical assistance, offering financial assistance, conducting education and outreach, and maintaining an energy data resource.



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