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Special Announcement



2024 Electric Vehicle Stakeholder Initiative Survey

The South Carolina Energy Office, within the SC Office of Regulatory Staff (Energy Office) published its Electric Vehicle Stakeholder Initiative (EVSI) report in September 2022, which included initial recommendations from South Carolina's Electric Vehicle stakeholders, like you. The Energy Office remains committed to identifying challenges, opportunities, and ongoing efforts related to transportation electrification in South Carolina by gathering stakeholder input.

We invite you to help the Energy Office gather updated information about your experiences related to transportation electrification in South Carolina by completing this survey.

For additional information, please visit the [Electric Vehicle Stakeholder Initiative](#) page on the SC Energy Office website.

Other Announcements

Updated Clean Energy Workforce Development Tool

The Energy Office updated the [Clean Energy Workforce Development Tool](#) (CEWDT) for summer 2024! The CEWDT connects individuals and organizations with training resources necessary to adapt to the rapidly evolving clean energy field. Whether you are a student, job seeker, technical trade worker, or employer, the CEWDT may help provide information on a variety of clean-energy training such as apprenticeships, certificates, degree programs, and stand-alone courses. The opportunities listed are South Carolina-focused and are not exhaustive; the CEWDT is updated periodically. Please send questions, or suggestions for additional resources to add, to energyocs@ors.sc.gov.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (SC EECBG) Update

The Energy Office is finalizing award agreements with the organizations selected in Round 1 of the SC EECBG Competitive Grant Program and will announce the Round 1 recipients soon. The Energy Office is reviewing applications submitted in Round 2, which closed April 15. To stay current on SC EECBG, visit the [Energy Office website](#).

SC Electric Vehicle Awareness Campaign Request for Proposals Posted

The Energy Office finalized a Request for Proposals (RFP) for its Electric Vehicle (EV) Awareness Campaign. The solicitation is available through **June 25, 2024**, on the [South Carolina Procurement Services website](#). The Energy Office is seeking assistance in developing an EV Awareness Campaign for South Carolina. This public information campaign was recommended in the [2022 SC EV Stakeholder Initiative Report](#) to provide South Carolinians with helpful resources and to aid in EV adoption. Additional information on the Energy Office's activities related to EVs may be found at energy.sc.gov.

Receive a Free Energy Education Toolkit

May 7, 2024, is National Teacher Day. In recognition of all educators, the Energy Office offers free toolkits to help educators use the Energy Office's [energy lessons](#). These 10 energy lessons, updated to the 2021 South Carolina curriculum standards, cover topics such as circuits, renewable energy, energy audits, and alternative fuels. To request a toolkit, contact energyocs@ors.sc.gov.

Energy Office in Action



The SC Energy Office attended the Aiken Technical College's Sustainability Expo on April 3, 2024. During the event, the Energy Office shared information about our mission, EVs, solar, and energy tips.

On April 19, 2024, the Energy Office participated in the Charleston Airshow STEM Day, located at Joint Base Charleston. The event was visited by over 7,000 students who were excited to learn about sources of clean energy available in South Carolina and clean transportation, including a close-up look at the Energy Office's all-electric car.



As a part of its Earth Day celebrations, Energy Office staff participated in West Columbia's Kinetic Derby Day on April 20, 2024. Booth visitors learned about sources of renewable energy and energy efficiency while participating in a solar bead activity.



The 4-H STEM Expo, held on April 24, 2024, was a day filled with engagement as students participated in the event's engineering challenge and made anemometers at the SC Energy Office booth.



Energy Office Speaking

The SC Energy Office is available to speak to groups or organizations interested in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation in South Carolina. For more information, contact energyocs@ors.sc.gov.

Trainings

Building Science Principles Course

May 13-17, 2024 | Virtual

Fee: \$25

[Register Here](#)

The SC Energy Office is offering the Building Professional Institute's (BPI) Building Science Principles (BSP) course. This course provides comprehensive training in building science, energy efficiency, and construction fundamentals. In addition, it equips participants with a deep understanding of the principles governing the energy performance of residential buildings, encompassing both new and older structures.

South Carolina Department of Transportation to Host 20 Public Open House Meetings for the SC+EV Initiative

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) will host 20 public open-house meetings across the state to provide an update on the state's efforts to support the EV industry and ecosystem as it kicks off the SC+EV Initiative.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming public open houses to learn more about the SC+EV Initiative, its benefits, and the forthcoming deployment of EV charging equipment along South Carolina's major interstates. [Click here for the flyer](#) sharing a map and list of all 20 public open-house locations.

Articles

[South Carolina Tackles EV issues, Including Questions Around Utility Investment in Charging](#)

[US Starts 'Green Bank' to Finance Community Climate Projects](#)

[The Total Eclipse Shows Us How Important Solar Energy is to the US](#)

[Biden-Harris Administration Invests in Clean Energy Strengthen South Carolina](#)

[Farms and Small Businesses as Part of Investing in America Agenda](#)

[South Carolina Office of Resilience \(SCOR\) Secures EPA Funding for Solar for All Program](#)

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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