



Livable Communities

IN THE 21ST CENTURY

The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) has six Regional Offices located around the country—in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Philadelphia, and Seattle. These Regional Offices are the key DOE catalyst in the development of a "bottom-up" approach to energy efficiency and renewable energy. They work with states and communities to promote EERE programs, and to identify and engage community and state partners. The Regional Offices also integrate EERE programs with other public and private activities to create strong partnerships for the implementation of energy efficiency and renewable energy programs and projects across the nation. They are the front line in meeting the needs of individual citizens, cities, counties, and states.

For example, states and communities nationwide are showing increasing interest in smart growth and livability issues. EERE's Regional Offices, in cooperation with state energy offices, help communities utilize DOE's energy efficiency and renewable energy programs to address local smart growth concerns and improve local livability. Among other goals, these programs can reduce air pollution and the public health problems associated with it, help renovate buildings, make houses more affordable, reduce energy bills for low-income families, reduce energy costs and tax outlays for local governments, and stem the flow of energy dollars from local economies.

Specifically, the Regional Offices serve as a regional liaison for many of the programs sponsored by EERE, including:

Building Technology, State and Community Programs

- Rebuild America
- Building America
- State Energy Programs and Grants
- Weatherization Assistance Program
- Home Energy Ratings Systems
- Building Standards and Guidelines
- ENERGY STAR®
- Energy Smart Schools

Federal Energy Management Program

- Energy Saving Performance Contracting
- Utility Services Contracting
- Energy Efficient Procurement
- Design Assistance and Building Commissioning Guides
- Greening Initiatives
- New Technology Demonstration Program
- SavEnergy Program Audits
- You Have the Power Campaign



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The Rebuild Boston Energy Initiative, a Rebuild America Partnership, has retrofitted more than 8.5 million square feet of building space throughout the City of Boston.



ATLANTA REGIONAL OFFICE

Jim Powell, Director of the Atlanta Regional Office (ARO), stands with a representative of the Archdiocese of Miami as they are interviewed by a television reporter about the Diocese's use of the 1800 watt photovoltaic generator. The ARO loaned the equipment to Catholic Charities to power their emergency materials collection/distribution center during the aftermath of Hurricane Georges.



CHICAGO REGIONAL OFFICE

Mayor of Chicago, Richard M. Daley, and Secretary of Energy, Bill Richardson, announce the conversion of an abandoned dump site into an industrial property that will be cleaned up and redeveloped for new industry and other purposes. This project is just one example of an urban land recycling initiative known as "Brightfields." This project was facilitated by DOE through its Chicago Regional Office.

"...This development will clean up an abandoned dump, attract an environmentally friendly industry to Chicago and create jobs for neighborhood residents. The City and its partners are ensuring energy efficiency and reliability, and improved air quality."

CHICAGO MAYOR RICHARD M. DALEY, AUGUST 1999.

DOE REGIONAL OFFICES



The Regional Offices represent DOE's energy efficiency and renewable energy programs in the states as follows:

Atlanta Regional Office (ARO)

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

For more information, call 404-347-2696
or visit www.eren.doe.gov/aro

Boston Regional Office (BRO)

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

For more information, call 617-565-9700
or visit www.eren.doe.gov/bro

Chicago Regional Office (CRO)

Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

For more information, call 312-353-6749
or visit www.eren.doe.gov/cro

Denver Regional Office (DRO)

Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.

For more information, call 303-275-4826
or visit www.eren.doe.gov/dro

Philadelphia Regional Office (PRO)

Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

For more information, call 215-656-6950
or visit www.eren.doe.gov/pro

Seattle Regional Office (SRO)

Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington; the territories of Guam and American Samoa; the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, and the Republic of Palau.

For more information, call 206-553-1004
or visit www.eren.doe.gov/sro

Industrial Technologies Programs

- Industries of the Future
- National Industrial Competitiveness Through Energy, Environment and Economics (NICE³)
- Bioenergy Initiative
- Inventions and Innovation
- Industrial Assessment Centers
- Best Practices

Power Technologies Programs

- Geothermal Exchange
- Bioenergy Initiative
- Utility Photovoltaic Group
- Utility Restructuring
- Climate Challenge
- Wind Powering America
- Brightfields Initiative
- Million Solar Roofs Initiative

Transportation Technologies

- Clean Cities
- Bioenergy Initiative

For More Information

on DOE's livable communities programs, visit the sustainable communities Web site at www.sustainable.doe.gov.



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