

**U.S. EPA**  
**Clean Energy-Environment State Partnership**  
**Memorandum of Understanding for State Partners**

*This is a voluntary agreement between your organization and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to participate in the Clean Energy-Environment State Partnership Program. Through this Partnership Program, states will develop goals and implement a robust plan for using energy policies and programs to improve air quality, decrease energy use, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and enhance economic development. The Clean Energy-Environment State Partnership takes effect when both parties sign this MOU.*

*Recognizing the environmental as well as the economic and security value of cost-effective clean energy, EPA is committed to helping states work across their relevant agencies to develop a comprehensive state-specific Clean Energy-Environment State Action Plan. This Plan is the cornerstone of the Partnership Program that will further the goals of achieving balanced, economically sensible environmental and energy policies and activities that promote energy efficiency, clean distributed generation, and renewable energy in the pursuit of state-determined environmental and economic goals.*

**EPA Responsibilities:**

- Designate an EPA liaison to work directly with the State Partner to carry out the following:
- Provide guidance materials including the Clean Energy-Environment Guide to Action -- a compilation of Best Practice Clean Energy policies; and other relevant policy materials and case studies;
- Provide hands-on technical support and expertise, and access to analytic tools that assess emissions, economic and public health impacts of clean energy policies;
- Help direct the Partner State to other resources, including technical analyses, training and financial support, available from EPA and other federal and state agencies; provide regular opportunities for peer-to-peer dialogue among states to exchange information on issues, opportunities and lessons learned;
- Assist the State Partner in establishing or strengthening an intra-state collaboration to develop, implement and promote the Action Plan;
- Supply communication materials to inform stakeholders, the public and other Partner State decision makers of the clean energy-environment goals and activities; and,
- Publicly recognize the environmental benefits that result from the Partner State's efforts.

**Partner State Responsibilities:**

- Designate a state Partnership coordinator to: (1) establish and manage the development of the Action Plan and support intra-state collaboration and (2) serve as the representative of the state with the EPA liaison for this partnership;
- Identify and analyze a range of options for policies and programs that support clean energy and improve air quality, based on guidance and technical assistance from EPA and other sources;
- Establish one or more specific and robust clean energy-environmental goals including state goals for cost-effective energy efficiency;
- Create the Clean Energy-Environment Action Plan based on the analyses and goals outlined above;
- Support implementation of the Plan to achieve goals;
- Report annually on progress toward establishing and achieving the Plan's goals; help EPA document the environmental and economic benefits of clean energy programs and policies; and,
- Publicize actions and accomplishments.

**General Terms:**

- Either party can terminate this agreement at any time, without prior notification or penalties and no further obligation. EPA agrees not to comment publicly regarding the withdrawal of partners.
- The State Partner agrees that the activities it undertakes connected with this voluntary agreement are not intended to provide services to the federal government and that the Partners will not seek compensation from a federal agency.
- The State Partner agrees that it will not claim or imply that its participation in the Clean Energy-Environment State Partnership constitute EPA approval or endorsement of anything other than its commitment to the Partnership.

*The undersigned representatives agree to work to the best of their abilities to execute their respective responsibilities, as described in the preceding pages.*

State Representative(s):

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Kathleen Hogan, Director  
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