

Virginia's Statewide C-PACE Program

In late 2021, Virginia Energy contracted with the Virginia PACE Authority (VPA) to establish a state-wide Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program. A series of stakeholder meetings were hosted in January and early February to gather on the C-PACE program guide, legal documents, and communication strategies. The feedback will be gathered by VPA over the first quarter of 2022 and evaluated with staff from Virginia Energy.

Final documents targeted for release in spring of 2022 will include:

- Set of consistent program documents and processes for property owners, contractors, and local governments:
 - Legal: ordinance, program agreement, recording documents, etc.
 - Technical: Program Guide, centralized application and approval process
 - Marketing/Outreach: Website, marketing collateral, tutorials, training;
- State program will have an opt-in for localities – Agreement signed between Virginia Energy and locality (under draft);
- Existing programs can opt-into the statewide but will remain operational as local programs in the meantime.

Background

- [§ 15.2-958.3 of the Code of Virginia](#) authorizes local governments to enact C-PACE ordinances;
- Chapter 664 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly adds language to §15.2-958.3 that provides authority for Virginia Energy to offer a statewide C-PACE program option for localities;
- Virginia Energy competitively selected the Virginia PACE Authority to design and administer the statewide program, with technical support from Slipstream.

