

# Expertise + Partners

# Where should you turn for expertise to build your knowledge on equity implications of our energy systems?

The following are go-to organizational experts, whose work is referenced heavily in this toolkit.

- Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA)
- Partnership for Southern Equity (PSE)
- American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE)
- Local and Regional Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE)
- PolicyLink
- Energy Efficiency for All (EEFA)

# Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance

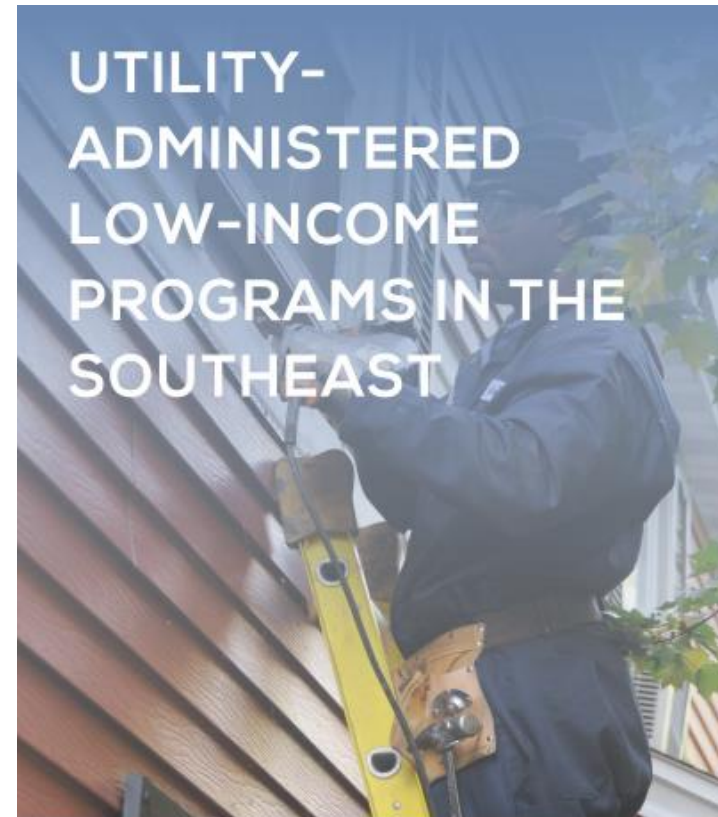
SEEA promotes energy efficiency as a catalyst for economic growth, workforce development and energy security across 11 southeastern states including Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

SEEA focuses on

- [State, Local and Utility Policy](#)
- [The Built Environment](#)
- [Equity in Energy](#)
- [Innovative Finance](#)

Recent reports of note include:

[Utility-Administered Low-Income Programs in the SE SE Multi-Family Market Assessment](#)



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# Partnership for Southern Equity

PSE is an Atlanta-based nonprofit committed to promoting balanced growth and shared prosperity in the American South through a coalition-based model for multi-demographic capacity building for equity.

PSE's portfolio focus is on

- [Just Energy](#)
- [Just Growth](#)
- [Just Transportation](#)
- [Just Opportunity](#)

PSE brings together a diverse group of stakeholders in its Just Energy Circle, and its annual Just Energy Summit: [video](#) and [framing document](#). It's partnership around renewable energy includes the [Solar For All](#) report

JUST ENERGY SUMMIT 2016:

PEOPLE • PLACE • POWER

A FRAMING DOCUMENT



# American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy

ACEEE acts as a catalyst to advance energy efficiency policies, programs, technologies, investments, and behaviors. Their website is a treasure trove of research on energy efficiency policy and best practices. In 2015 and 2016, ACEEE has published a tremendous volume of research papers on topics related to energy equity. The following are worth your attention:

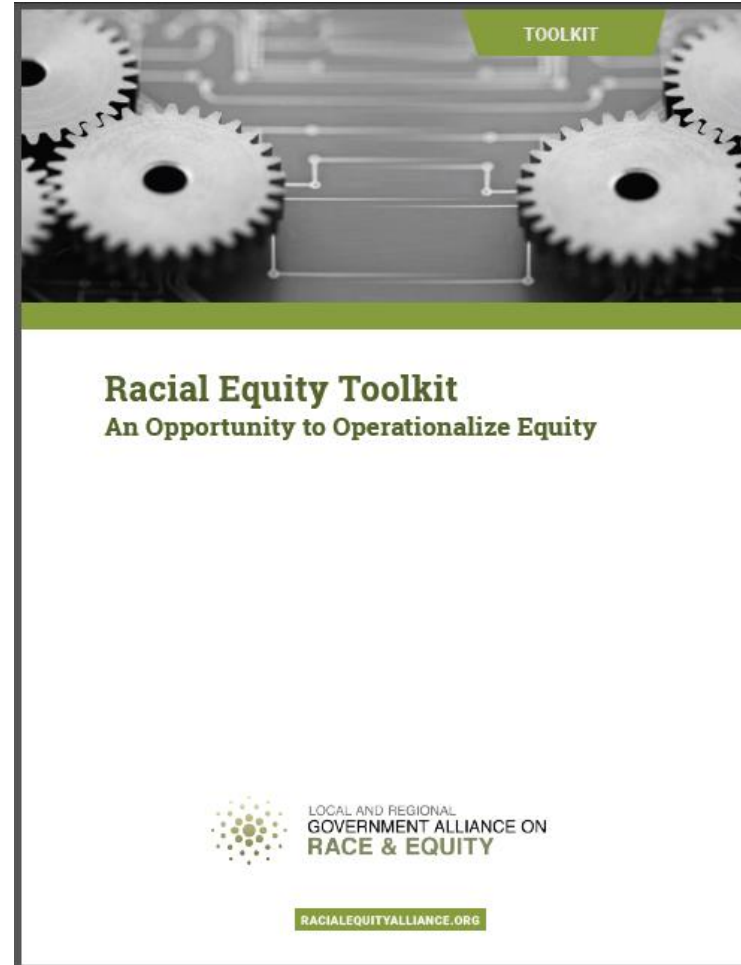
- [Multifamily Energy Savings Project](#)
- [Reaching More Residents: Opportunities for Increasing Participation in Multifamily Energy Efficiency Programs](#)
- [Lifting the High Energy Burden in America's Largest Cities: How Energy Efficiency Can Improve Low Income and Underserved Communities](#)
- [Enhancing Community Resilience through Energy Efficiency](#)

# Local and Regional Government Alliance on Race & Equity

GARE is a national network of government working to achieve racial equity and advance opportunities for all.

GARE's website is a bounty of resources for local government employees seeking to advance equity, including resource guides, white papers, [webinars](#), and [videos](#) geared for a local government audience.

Essential starting places in their libraries are the [Racial Equity Toolkit](#) and [Achieving Equity with Results-Based Accountability Webinar](#)



# PolicyLink

PolicyLink is a national resource for thought leadership and tools to advance an equity agenda, hosting a rich [library](#) of reports, webinars and videos.

Among their most relevant resources are the [National Equity Atlas](#) and their [Getting Advocacy Equity Results toolkit](#).

The screenshot shows the homepage of the National Equity Atlas. At the top, it features the tagline "Data to Build an Equitable Economy" and navigation links for "Atlas in the News", "Get Atlas Updates!", "Contact", and "Press". The main header includes the "National Equity Atlas" title, the PERE logo, and the PolicyLink logo. Below the header is a navigation menu with options: "About the Atlas", "Data Summaries", "Indicators", "Reports", and "Data in Action", along with a search bar. The main content area contains a welcome message: "Welcome to the National Equity Atlas, a comprehensive data resource to track, measure, and make the case for inclusive growth." To the right, there is a call to action: "Share Your Story: Tell Us How You are Using Atlas Data for Change" with a subtext: "Please take a moment to tell us how you are using the Equity Atlas in your work. We're posting a new chart from the Atlas that speaks to current events and issues." Below this is a large image of diverse children on a school bus. The text "The Face of America is" is overlaid on the image, and a button labeled "Begin with the U.S. Summary" is visible in the bottom right corner of the image area.

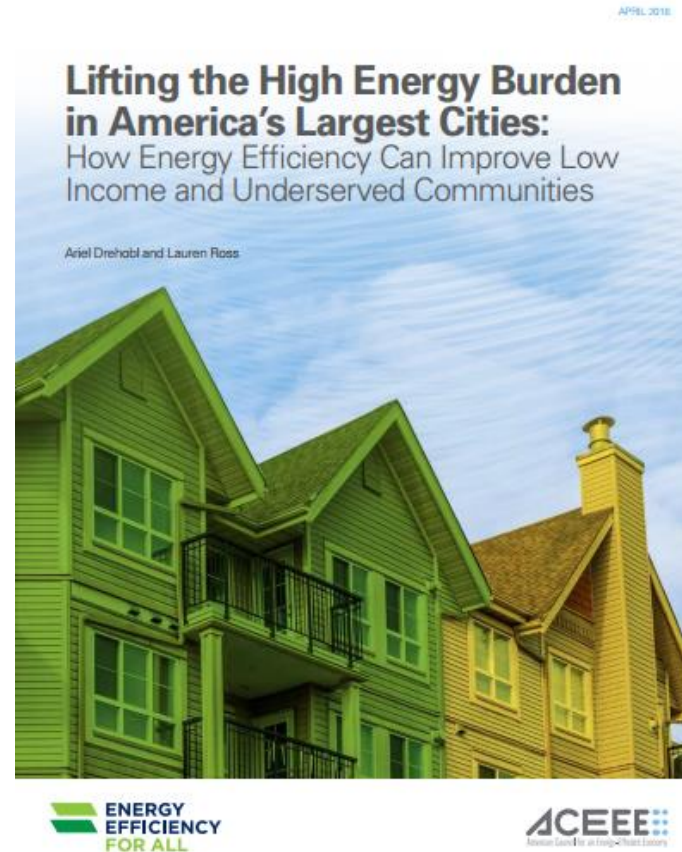
# Energy Efficiency for All (EEFA)

Energy Efficiency for All is a multi-organization partnership dedicated to linking the energy and housing sectors together in order to tap the benefits of energy efficiency for millions of low-income families.

The most notable EEFA resource referenced in this toolkit is the report [Lifting the High Energy Burden in America's Largest Cities](#), co-authored by ACEEE.

EEFA is also a part of the Network for Energy, Water, and Health in Affordable Buildings works to expand healthy, efficient housing for all by leveraging the relationships between individuals, sectors, and policies.

Source: <http://energyefficiencyforall.org/>





# Others

The following organizations are also sources for information and thought-leadership around a variety of topics relevant to social and racial equity and energy systems.

- [National Association for the Advancement of Colored People](#)
- [Institute for Local Self Reliance \(ILSR\)'s Energy Democracy Initiative](#)
- [Center for Social Inclusion](#)
- [Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society](#)
- [Sustainable Energy for All](#)

# Aligned Other Agency + Community Partners

The following agency types in your state/city are finding value in identifying and reaching low-income populations, either in preparation for Clean Power Plan compliance or to address their own mandates/missions, and are recommended potential partners:

- State Air Offices
- State Energy Offices
- Housing Finance Agencies
- Public Housing Authorities
- Private/nonprofit affordable housing organizations
- Affordable Housing funders (getting EE into underwriting requirements)