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

Source: http://seealliance.org/
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.

Source: www.partnershipforsouthernequity.org
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

Source: www.aceee.org
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.

Source: http://www.racialequityalliance.org/
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.

Source: www.policylink.org
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/](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
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)