

# **Integrated Municipal Energy Services Committee (MEWG) of the EESE Board**

**By Statute: “..to encourage municipalities and counties to increase investments in energy efficiency and sustainable energy through financing tools, and to create local energy committees (or commissions).”**

## **Role of Committee**

To facilitate an increased investment in energy efficiency and sustainable energy by municipalities and counties through identification, development and promotion of the necessary practices, financing tools and technical resources (including the engagement of local energy committees).

## **Overarching Vision for Municipalities (including school boards) in 2025**

### Primary

1. Reduce municipal fossil fuel energy consumption by 50% below 2005 levels by 2025.

### Secondary

1. Insulate the municipal energy budget from price volatility in the global energy market.
2. Ensure that critical government services will continue in the event of short- or long-term energy supply disruptions.
3. Stimulate local economic development through job creation in the energy field and reinvestment of avoided energy costs.

## **Specific Goals for Municipal Energy Working Group**

1. The integration of energy efficiency and sustainable energy in all municipal business practices
  - Municipal capital projects include an analysis of total costs (capital & operating) to maximize integration of energy efficiency and renewable/sustainable energy components
  - Capital expense budget and plan includes reduction of energy consumption
  - Municipal building maintenance integrates the adoption of energy efficiency and renewable/sustainable energy standards and practices
  - Facilitate the adoption and compliance with the aggressive local energy codes for new buildings and deep retrofits
2. The provision of a clearing house and tool kit to serve municipalities in EE/SE procurement including:
  1. Statewide database of municipal energy consumption
    - Financial options
    - Eliminating Barriers to access financial tools to advance energy efficiency/reductions;
    - Leverage stimulus funds for sustainable financing

- Creating awareness of availability of resources (in collaboration with Outreach and education working group)
3. The identification of policies and programs that are needed to overcome specific obstacles that discourage widespread adoption of energy efficiency and renewable/sustainable energy practices and technologies.
    1. Identify and recommend state policy to break down barriers to municipal energy efficiency
    2. Develop or recommend incentives for Municipal EESE
    3. Develop an index of municipal energy use per unit of activity
  4. Encourage the development of effective local energy committees