



## MINNESOTA'S 2025 ENERGY ACTION PLAN

Funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, the 2025 Energy Action Plan aims to develop actionable steps for priority strategies and technologies over the next 10 years, as well as provide indicators that not only illustrate Minnesota's current energy landscape but will also track and communicate the impacts of the action plan. Final products will be used to make progress in advancing clean and affordable energy.

**PURPOSE:** Develop indicators and action plans to significantly advance a number of strategies and technologies for clean, efficient energy in Minnesota between now and 2025. Building on current and recent related efforts, the project will develop recommended next steps to leverage near-term opportunities for a clean, affordable, reliable and resilient energy system.

### OUTCOMES:

1. **Baseline metrics** that depict the state's energy landscape and that identify areas that have the greatest potential for improvement through implementation of short-term clean energy strategies.
2. **Outcome indicators** to track and communicate the impacts of implementing the proposed strategies over time.
3. **Action plans** to significantly advance technologies and strategies for clean and efficient energy. The action plans will be useful to stakeholders in industries, state and local government, nonprofits, research, and other sectors.

**TIMELINE:** Data gathering and strategy development will be completed in approximately one year, after which the project will transition to advancing recommendations. Here is the next year's proposed timeline:

### Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meetings

1. **July 2015:** Introduction, discuss baseline indicators and preliminary technology/strategy focus areas
2. **Late summer-fall 2015:** Discuss baseline data, draft indicators, initial staff work on specific tactics and strategies
3. **December 2015:** Discuss detailed strategies developed by staff and technical working groups
4. **April 2016:** Discuss draft action plan and next steps

Technical working group meetings will be convened as needed.

## **PROJECT TEAM:**

1. The **Stakeholder Advisory Committee** will provide input in the development of technologies, strategies, baseline and outcome indicators, and steer the development of a 2025 Energy Action Plan.
2. The **MN Department of Commerce** and **Legislative Energy Commission** will provide high level guidance to assure that the project meets guidelines for USDOE funding, and interface with state government and the legislature.
3. **Outside consultants** will conduct analysis and research to support the deliberations of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee. The following consultants will support the project: Great Plains Institute (committee facilitation, stakeholder engagement); LHB, Inc. (metrics and indicators); Rocky Mountain Institute (analysis and report development).
4. Additional project guidance and contributions will come from **Energy Systems Consulting**, the **MN Environmental Quality Board**, the **MN Pollution Control Agency**, and the **U.S. Department of Energy**.