



LOCAL GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Who we are: The South-central Partnership for Energy Efficiency as a Resource (SPEER), is a non-profit regional energy efficiency organization (REEO) and our region includes Texas and Oklahoma. We are one of six in the country that aims to accelerate the adoption of advanced building systems and energy efficient products and services throughout the nation. We work collaboratively to strengthen local economies, improve health and quality of life, and improve the environment.

We implement and execute our work through four key program areas: Local Governments, Energy Building Codes, High Performance Buildings, and Policy.

1. SPEER's Local Government Program provides technical assistance in the following areas:
 - Planning
 - Benchmarking
 - Energy Reporting
 - Energy Plan Development

2. SPEER has experience with developing sustainability initiatives with other jurisdictions and their populations.

- Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy: **Travis County**
- Developed [2030 Initiatives](#) in **San Antonio** and **Dallas**. The 2030 Districts encourage voluntary participation by local community businesses, to reduce energy and water use, while increasing property profitability and enhancing real estate asset values
- Supported funding mechanisms such as PACE, by participating in the creation of PACE standards in Texas. A commercial funding mechanism for local governments to utilize in economic development.
- [Street Lighting](#) – SPEER has worked closely with **El Paso** and **San Antonio** during and after their street lighting retrofits to determine and document best practices



3. What does the technical assistance cost?

We do encourage public entities to consider becoming a [SPEER member](#). We also provide free technical services to local governments. The technical assistance is not limited to the number of hours or events. Energy management programs and efficiency projects enable cities to better maintain their buildings and equipment while saving public monies in utility expenses.

4. SPEER is currently targeting these sustainable elements:

- Street Lighting
- Benchmarking
- Energy Code
- Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPC) for assisting in funding and improving city facilities
- Transportation
- Energy Insecurity

5. Where we have had success with sustainable elements with other jurisdictions:

SPEER has helped with increasing the number of jurisdictions following the state energy code to 95% or higher throughout Texas municipalities. We have assisted cities in the process of upgrading their streetlighting to LEDs by creating a collaborative network to share best practices, as well as working with cities to create best practice and implementation guides. We have assisted numerous cities in benchmarking, providing technical assistance and training.

6. Recommended training for relevant staff and personal

- [Building Operator Certification](#): past participants include cities of Austin and San Antonio, Bexar County, independent school districts and universities.
- Green House Gas Inventory Cohort: SPEER through a partnership with ICELI has partnered in creating a training where the participants learn about data gathering, validating, and analyst process to benchmark utility consumption and create their own green house gas inventory. If interested email cities@eepartnership.org

7. SPEER provides assistance to all local governments, schools and higher education universities, cities and counties.

The assistance is provided with acknowledgment all perspectives move our mission forward. We can recognize differing worldviews and allow for a more open dialogue that respects a wider range of perspectives—including, an array of environmental, social, and economic issues - that enable a broader conversation.

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