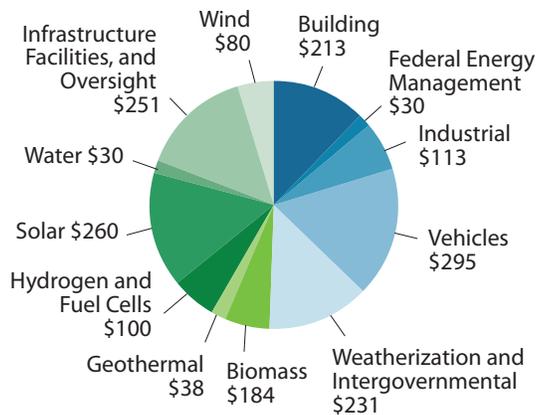


Securing America's Clean Energy Future

The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) invests in clean energy technologies that strengthen the economy, reduce dependence on foreign oil, and protect the environment. EERE leverages partnerships with the private sector, state and local governments, DOE national laboratories, and universities to transform the nation's economic engine to one powered by clean energy.

EERE Programs 2011 Budget (in \$ millions)



EERE operates with \$1.8 billion budget (FY 2011) and is responsible for investing more than \$16 billion from the Recovery Act.

Deploying Renewable Energy at Speed and Scale

Growing a Clean Energy Future

Organic plant material, or biomass, is an abundant, renewable resource for biofuels, bioproducts, and biopower. Biomass energy can be produced from wood, agricultural residues, algae, waste streams, or even high-yield crops grown specifically for energy.

EERE accelerates biomass-based fuel and product adoption, helping America reduce its fossil fuel use. Maintaining a balanced research portfolio of biomass feedstocks, conversion technologies, and fuel types, EERE strives to make cellulosic ethanol cost-competitive by 2012 while facilitating infrastructure development to increase biofuel use.

Harnessing the Earth's Heat

Geothermal energy offers a clean, reliable, renewable resource that can either provide direct heat or generate baseload electricity. EERE conducts research and development (R&D) and demonstration projects that seek to tap this massive resource, providing a cost-effective electric power generation option.



By partnering with industry, state and local governments, universities, and manufacturers, EERE plays a critical role in improving energy efficiency practices and increasing their adoption by American consumers, industry, and governments. *Photos from top, l-r; iStock, BP Solar NREL/PIX 15612, iStock, Wieck Media Services.*

Shooting for the Sun

In 1962, President Kennedy challenged the U.S. to win the global space race by sending a man to the moon within a decade. America responded to this "moonshot," investing in education and R&D that spurred entire new industries. Eight years later, Neil Armstrong bounded on the moon's surface.

Today, EERE is taking a SunShot: a goal to make utility-scale solar systems cost competitive—without subsidy—within a decade. EERE is collaborating with DOE's Office of Science and Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy (ARPA-E) along with industry on SunShot to achieve a 75% cost reduction.

EERE works to improve the reliability and lower the costs of solar modules, the balance of systems, and power electronics, reducing barriers to solar power in the marketplace.

EERE also conducts R&D on concentrating solar power (CSP) which holds potential to become cost-competitive with baseload power within 15 years.

Water Power

Conventional hydropower represents approximately 7% of all U.S. electricity generation, making it the single largest renewable electricity source today. EERE pursues R&D to improve conventional hydropower technologies while making them more environmentally friendly.

EERE also invests in innovative technologies that can generate cost-effective electricity from wave, tidal, ocean, and river currents or ocean thermal energy. These marine and hydrokinetic technologies can generate renewable, environmentally responsible electricity from water sources that can be connected to the power grid. With many densely populated load centers near bodies of water, nearby

markets for this predictable, renewable power source are readily available.

Capturing the Wind

Wind power generates emissions-free electricity while reducing water demand for power generation, increasing tax bases for local governments, and supporting tens of thousands of jobs—especially in construction and manufacturing. Wind energy has the potential to supply 20% of the nation's electricity by 2030, presenting a clean, domestic, renewable energy option.

EERE works with industry, national laboratories, state and local governments, and other federal agencies to advance landbased and offshore wind turbine technologies, facilitate grid interconnection and integration, and support the responsible, wide-scale deployment of wind energy.

Fuel Cells

Fuel cells are a highly efficient and flexible technology for producing power and heat—offering cleaner, more efficient alternatives to fossil fuel combustion. Fuel cell scalability offers significant benefits for specialty vehicles like forklifts, distributed power systems, automobiles, buses, auxiliary power units, and portable electronics.

Reliable, low-cost, high-performance fuel cell system components have the potential to significantly improve performance and reliability while lowering fossil fuel consumption and carbon emissions. EERE focuses on overcoming technical barriers to achieve commercial success in these areas.

Shifting the Way Americans Move

Next Generation Vehicles

With new all-electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles rolling off assembly lines, America stands poised to begin the next chapter in its love affair with the car. These new cars will help Americans continue to travel safely, reliably, and comfortably while reducing the need for foreign oil, strengthening the nation's energy security, and protecting the environment from harmful emissions. EERE is investing in advanced battery and electric drive component manufacturing, charging infrastructure, and R&D to drive down costs and establish the United States as a global leader in advanced vehicles.

A More Efficient America

Making our Buildings Better

Saving energy saves money. EERE pursues R&D on building technologies that not only saves energy and achieves significant cost savings, but also improves comfort for American families and businesses.

Through R&D, energy codes, public awareness, and energy alliances with the private sector, EERE is creating better buildings across the nation. EERE accelerates the adoption of energy upgrades in existing buildings while developing cutting-edge technologies and practices to build new highly efficient buildings.

Government Leading by Example

As the nation's single largest energy consumer, the federal government possesses the greatest opportunity to lead by example, make its facilities and vehicle fleets more efficient, and reduce energy costs. EERE helps implement sound, cost-effective energy management and investments to enhance the nation's energy security and environmental stewardship. EERE assists federal agencies to meet laws and regulations that enhance energy efficiency, deploy renewable energy, improve water efficiency, and reduce carbon emissions.

Additionally, EERE assists federal agencies to secure alternative financing, such as energy savings performance services contracts, power purchase agreements, and energy incentive programs to fund clean energy projects.

Strengthening Industry

The industrial manufacturing sector maintains America's largest energy appetite. EERE collaborates closely with industry, establishing innovative solutions to reduce manufacturing energy intensity to save businesses money and make them more competitive in the global market. Driving down industry energy costs keeps jobs in the United States while reducing reliance on foreign oil and other imports.

Supporting Local Clean Energy Projects

EERE provides funding and technical assistance to state and local governments, community action agencies, utilities, Indian tribes, and U.S. territories to assist them with their renewable energy and energy efficiency programs. EERE develops information products, tools, and market transformation activities that remove barriers to building the clean energy economy in communities throughout the United States.

EERE also works with states to make home energy upgrades to low-income households. These upgrades make homes safer, healthier, more comfortable, and more affordable through energy savings.

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