

Energy Programs

Through its programs and activities, the Energy Division promotes the efficient and environmentally acceptable use of energy in all sectors of the State's economy. The Energy Division also encourages an environment that enhances the State's access to cost competitive, available energy resources, ultimately benefiting economic development in Mississippi. These programs and services are funded by U. S. Department of Energy funds, oil overcharge restitution funds, and state funds. Staff members compile and analyze energy data, administer grant and loan programs, research policy initiatives, conduct energy audits, and support the development and application of alternative energy technologies.

Program/Services Overview

Established in 1980, the Energy Division is vested with public missions that fundamentally affect the economic prosperity and quality of life of present and future Mississippians. These missions include developing and implementing effective plans and programs that utilize environmentally acceptable, dependable and affordable energy resources. These programs increase the opportunities for Mississippi communities to improve their relative position in the global economy. The Division administers programs which benefit homeowners, farmers, manufacturers, commercial businesses, schools, fleet operators, local governments, state agencies, and public institutions. Services provided range from recommendations for simple operational and maintenance changes, to loans for the purchase of state-of-the-art technologies for a manufacturer's process efficiency, or programs that encourage the use of efficient technologies. The SEP program is the catalyst for research and collaborative efforts throughout the state.

The Division also offers special projects and services that address energy efficiency and economic development. The Division's special projects and activities focus on the following goals:

- accelerate the deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies;
- facilitate the acceptance of emerging and underutilized efficiency and renewable technologies, and;
- increase the responsiveness of public-funded technology efforts to private sector needs.

To achieve its program goals and purposes, the Division is organized into the following two bureaus under the direction of the Division Director:

Financial and Program Support Bureau

The Financial and Program Support area provides an array of services directed towards energy conservation and sustainability among various end-use sectors. The Bureau develops and administers contracts & grants, budget/fiscal plans, coordinates federal program management and oversight, and manages consumer and student outreach. Financial assistance for projects that enhance energy industrial efficiency processes and capital improvements is also provided.

Technical and Data Analysis Bureau

The Technical & Data Analysis Bureau provides energy, financial, and environmental services. Expertise and resources are used to empower local communities toward the following objectives:

- to use their resources to increase economic opportunities,
- to reduce economic and health risks,
- to develop and recommend strategies for waste management, and;
- to create partnerships which influence economic competitiveness.

The crucial link between efficiency and economic stability is relevant to consumers and policy makers when it is proven to create jobs, save money, promote growth and protect the environment. Our focus on serving the energy consumer effectively translates the benefits of saving energy into dollar savings and lifestyle comfort.