

The Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) Energy Office sets energy policy direction for Iowa and receives designated funding from the State Energy Program Formula from the Department of Energy to carry out designated energy activities. These activities include promoting energy efficiency, biofuels and renewable energy. In addition, the team administers several programs as listed below.

City Energy Management Program: A Regional Energy Manager Approach

Through this program cities set energy reduction goals and implement energy efficiency projects through the shared use of a Regional Energy Manager (REM). REMs work directly with each city to identify opportunities to reduce energy costs in city-owned buildings, exterior lighting and water/wastewater facilities. The 19 pilot communities receive one-on-one customized assistance in benchmarking city-owned buildings, determining energy priorities, reviewing building operation and maintenance procedures, developing a city Energy Action Plan and implementing energy efficiency projects.

Solar Ready Iowa

Solar Ready Iowa is designed to help Iowa communities reduce the barriers to solar photovoltaic (PV) projects at the local government level for residents and businesses through the standardization of planning, zoning, permitting and the education of city staff on solar PV.

B3 Benchmarking

The B3 Benchmarking partners, Iowa Energy Office at Iowa State University, MidAmerican Energy Company, Interstate Power and Light, and Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, work together to create a statewide Iowa Public Building Benchmarking Program. To date, this valuable web-based tool provides needed information for building owners and organizations to evaluate the efficiency level at which buildings are performing and to project the impact of proposed energy efficiency improvements.

Expanding Combined Heat and Power (CHP) in Iowa

Iowa is collaborating with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to streamline the CHP permitting process. In addition, Iowa is exploring the market potential for CHP in the commercial and institutional sectors, which will culminate into a white paper that outlines the benefits of and barriers to CHP. By the end of the project, Iowa will have a Resource Guide to serve as a roadmap for future CHP projects.

Clean Cities

The Iowa Clean Cities Coalition incorporates a variety of public and private stakeholders to coordinate education and technical assistance on alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technologies, especially for fleets. The mission of the national Clean Cities program is to advance the nation's economic, environmental and energy security by supporting local actions to reduce petroleum consumption in transportation. Iowa Clean Cities is housed at the IEDA and is a designated member of the United States Department of Energy's Clean Cities program.

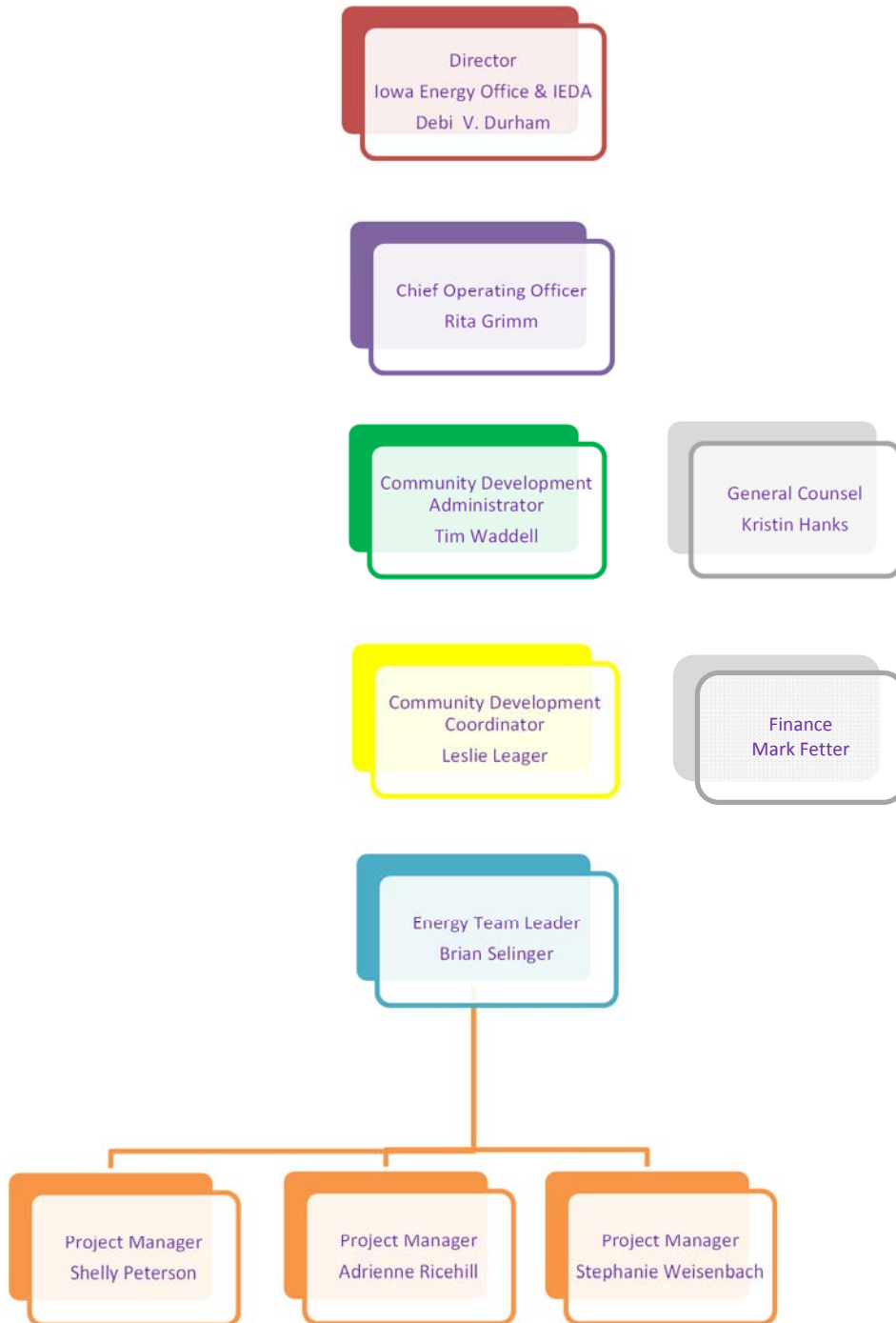
Energy Assurance

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Utilities Board have primary responsibility for the state's Energy Assurance Plan. They oversee energy planning and coordination for the state, promoting the synchronization of risk management activities and emergency response preparedness programs/plans.

Building Codes

IEDA provides financial support for the building codes program at the Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS). Iowa adopted the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code in early 2014, and the Building Code Bureau of DPS works with local governments to train them on the code and provides technical assistance for compliance enforcement.

Energy Team Flow Chart



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