



# OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES



# STRATEGIC PLAN 2011



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### INTRODUCTION:

*The Idaho Office of Energy Resources (OER) was established by Executive Order 2007-15 on October 19, 2007. This order placed the OER within the Office of the Governor.*

The duties, powers, and authorities of the Office of Energy Resources include advising the Governor, the Legislature and other public officials regarding matters related to Idaho's energy requirements, supply, generation, transmission, conservation, and energy efficiency efforts. Additional responsibilities include coordinating and cooperating with federal, state, and local jurisdictions on issues concerning the State's energy considerations. The OER is also responsible for accepting and utilizing funds from various state, federal, and other sources to accomplish purposes outlined within the Executive Order referenced above. The OER performs its duties in accordance with statutory requirements and in conformity with the 2007 Idaho Energy Plan.

### MISSION:

*The Office of Energy Resources serves the people of Idaho by ensuring that energy is used wisely and that adequate supplies are available to sustain the State's economy and quality of life.*

### VISION:

*The Office of Energy Resources through planning, cooperation, and coordination fosters an environment necessary to develop Idaho's energy resources and help enhance the State's energy security.*

### KEY EXTERNAL FACTORS

- State or Federal legislation and regulations significantly impact the functions and operations of the Office of Energy Resources including additions or reductions in federal program mandates.
- Federal, State, and regional energy issues are dynamic and constantly evolving, necessitating constant monitoring and the need to adjust plans accordingly.
- Revenues necessary to operate the OER are intricately connected to Federal appropriations and the economy of Idaho and the nation.

## GOAL 1: Serve as the lead agency for Idaho on energy issues.

### OBJECTIVE(S):

1. Coordinate Idaho's efforts related to energy policy, planning, and critical energy infrastructure projects that are deemed necessary to insure Idaho's energy security while striving to achieve a diversified statewide energy portfolio.

## Strategies:

- A. Provide updates on energy issues and infrastructure projects to the Governor, Legislature, local leaders, the public, and energy industry groups.
- B. Provide energy policy recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.
- C. Identify and recommend appropriate changes when barriers to development of critical infrastructure exist.
- D. Anticipate areas of conflict or concern associated with federal, state, or local policies that can impact critical energy infrastructure projects and seek opportunities to assist in the resolution of these conflicts.
- E. Respond to emerging energy issues at the federal, state, and local levels.
- F. Participate in utility integrated resource planning.
- G. Utilize the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance (ISEA) as a strategic partner to assess and identify Idaho's energy needs, conservation and resource potentials, develop energy policy and planning recommendations, and to encourage the development of any additional energy resources (renewable, conventional, and non-conventional) or infrastructure necessary to serve Idaho's needs.
- H. Provide leadership and support for the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance (ISEA) as a strategic organizational structure to facilitate ISEA's collaborative work with stakeholders and the public to identify paths forward to ensure critical infrastructure is appropriately developed.
- I. Develop a communication plan that includes a solid web-based presence through OER's website which identifies progress towards actualizing the 2007 Idaho Energy Plan and clearly articulates the role, function, and progress of the ISEA.
- J. Seek Cooperating Agency status for Idaho on energy projects seeking access to federal land within the State's borders and facilitate the development of Idaho's responses to NEPA/EIS documents related to energy projects.



## **GOAL 2: Work to develop regional energy policy and resources that provide benefits to Idaho.**

### OBJECTIVE(S):

1. Work within the Western Governors' Association (WGA) and other regional organizations to include Idaho resources in regional energy planning and bring an Idaho perspective to regional energy policies.

### Strategies:

- A. Participate in regional planning and policy efforts related to energy use, production, transmission, and generation which may impact Idaho.
- B. Encourage the inclusion of Idaho resources in the planning and development of regional energy plans, programs and projects.
- C. Encourage a balanced approach to energy resource development in the region that incorporates environmental, species, and private property considerations.
- D. Identify potential partners such as other states, utilities, and the Idaho National Lab who recognize the potential associated with the development of regional energy policy and plans.
- E. Facilitate meetings and coordinate efforts to educate potential stakeholders and advance the development of regional energy resources.

## **GOAL 3: Develop and administer energy efficiency, conservation, renewable energy and alternative fuels - programs that demonstrate opportunities for government to lead by example.**

### OBJECTIVE(S):

1. Promote cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation measures and practices in public buildings and government operations that ultimately result in taxpayer savings.

### Strategies:

- A. As funding emerges, develop programs that target public buildings and government operations for energy efficiency and conservation deployment.
- B. Utilize the OER website to promote projects deployed in public buildings and government operations to demonstrate the value of energy efficiency and conservation to the citizens of Idaho.
- C. Partner with utilities, fuel suppliers and other stakeholders to promote energy efficiency and conservation incentives.
- D. Partner with utilities and fuel suppliers to quantify and report the amount and value of energy efficiency and conservation measures deployed in public buildings and government operations.



## **GOAL 4: Develop and administer cost effective energy efficiency, conservation, renewable energy, and alternative fuel programs to benefit Idaho citizens, businesses and industries.**

### OBJECTIVE(S):

1. Promote cost-effective energy efficiency, conservation, renewable energy development, and alternative fuels production and use through education, outreach, programs, and initiatives.

### Strategies:

- A. Provide training and support for energy auditing and construction methods, renewable energy development, and alternative fuels production.
- B. Encourage development of a network of renewable energy developers and alternative fuels experts for individual, commercial, industrial, agricultural and institutional sectors.
- C. Operate energy efficiency, conservation, renewable energy and alternative fuel programs for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, and institutional sectors.
- D. Operate a low interest loan program to provide capital for energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy projects in the residential, commercial, agricultural and industrial sectors.
- E. Provide the public with energy information.
- F. Provide technical assistance to the public through the OER website and staff expertise.



## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

### GOAL 1: Serve as the lead agency for Idaho on energy issues.

#### Measure 1

Provide updates to the Governor and Legislature annually and as requested; update local elected officials and interested groups as requested. Benchmark: 100%

#### Measure 2

Update OER's website as necessary to inform elected officials and the public of progress on the 2007 Idaho Energy Plan and emerging energy issues. Benchmark: 100%

#### Measure 3

Coordinate ISEA meetings and facilitate development of ISEA reports. ISEA Council 2 meetings per year; ISEA Board of Directors 4 meetings per year. Benchmark: 100%

#### Measure 4

Facilitate the development of Idaho's responses to Federal NEPA/EIS documents related to energy projects. Benchmark: 100%

### GOAL 2: Work to develop regional energy policy and resources that provide benefits to Idaho.

#### Measure 1

Participate in WGA energy policy discussions and forums, and work with the Western Interstate Energy Board. Benchmark: 100%

#### Measure 2

Participate in Regional Technical Forum and Conservation Resource Advisory Committee processes. Benchmark: 100%

### **Measure 3**

Participate in the Northern Tier Transmission Group planning. Benchmark: 100%

## **GOAL 3: Develop and administer energy efficiency, conservation, renewable energy and alternative fuels programs that demonstrate opportunities for government to lead by example.**

### **Measure 1**

Facilitate energy efficiency audits for K-12 public school buildings, and infrastructure. Benchmark: 100% of qualified entities.

### **Measure 2**

Facilitate energy efficiency tune-ups, retrofits, and renewable energy installations on public buildings. Benchmark: 100% of qualified entities.

## **GOAL 4: Develop and administer programs to benefit Idaho citizens, businesses and industry with energy efficiency, conservation, renewable energy, and alternative fuels.**

### **Measure 1**

Provide grants and loans to qualified Idaho residents, businesses, and local governments. Benchmark: finance all eligible low interest energy efficiency and renewable energy loans with available funds.

### **Measure 2**

Provide technical assistance and certification to Idaho residents and businesses. Benchmark: 50 residential energy retrofits certified; 3 industrial energy efficiency projects conducted.

### **Measure 3**

Provide technical assistance to support renewable energy and alternative fuels development and use. Benchmark: 10 projects supported with technical assistance.

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