

IDAHO OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES

STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2020

INTRODUCTION:

The Idaho Office of Energy Resources (OER) was established by Executive Order 2007-15 on October 19, 2007 and continued with Executive Order 2012-08. OER is located within the Executive Office of the Governor.

The duties, powers, and authorities of the OER include advising the Governor and elected officials, serving as Idaho's first point of contact, and coordinating 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 Executive Order 2012-08.

MISSION:

The OER coordinates energy planning and policy development for the state of Idaho in order to promote the efficient use of energy, development of energy resources, and the availability of adequate energy supplies to sustain the State's economy and quality of life for our citizens.

KEY EXTERNAL FACTORS:

- Federal legislation and regulations may significantly impact the operations of the OER including additions or reductions in federal program mandates.
- Federal, State, and regional energy issues are dynamic and continually evolving, which necessitates constant monitoring, evaluation, and coordination with Idaho's energy stakeholders.
- Currently the OER primarily is dependent upon federal funds for the resources necessary to fulfill its responsibilities.

Goal 1: Coordinate Energy Policy Planning and Analysis

Objective 1: Coordinate energy planning and policy development in Idaho

Strategies:

- Represent the Governor's Office on all energy related processes in Idaho including interaction with legislative committees, elected officials, stakeholders, the public, and state and federal agencies.
- Coordinate with the Legislature to periodically update the Idaho State Energy Plan.
- Participate in Investor Owned Utility Integrated Resource Plan processes.
- Function as the Cooperating Agency for Idaho on all federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) processes related to energy, and represent the state during the development of NEPA documents.
- Coordinate Idaho's response to all federal and regional energy documents, issues, and processes (Congressional, NEPA, FERC, NERC, and WECC actions, etc.).
- Monitor and provide analysis on all federal and other energy initiatives that affect Idaho.

Objective 2: Represent Idaho in regional and national energy policy forums and processes

Strategies:

- Participate in the Western Governors' Association (WGA) energy policy processes.
- Participate on the Western Interstate Energy Board.
- Participate with the Northern Tier Transmission Group.
- Participate in the National Association of State Energy Officials.
- Participate in the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance.
- Participate in the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body and the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation.
- Participate in other relevant energy policy forums and processes.

Goal 2: Provide a Single Point of Contact for Energy Information

Objective 1: Serve as Idaho's clearinghouse for energy information

Strategies:

- Respond to all energy and energy policy inquiries from the public, legislators, other elected officials, and stakeholders.
- Provide information regarding energy issues including energy efficiency, conservation, renewable energy, and alternative fuel sources.
- Maintain the OER website as a reliable and up-to-date source of energy information.

Objective 2: Coordinate, support and oversee the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance (ISEA)

Strategies:

- Provide staff support to the ISEA Board of Directors.
- Utilize the expertise of the ISEA to review and examine energy issues.
- Update the ISEA Taskforce reports on a regular basis.
- Utilize the ISEA members to conduct public outreach as requested.

Goal 3: Coordinate Energy Related Projects that Benefit Idaho

Objective 1: Administer financial and technical assistance programs related to energy

Strategies:

- Coordinate technical assistance among energy stakeholders (CAES, Universities, Tech Help, WSU, ISEA, etc.) to reduce or eliminate duplication of effort.
- Administer the State Energy Loan Program.
- Participate in energy efficiency education and training.
- Participate with other agencies and stakeholders to enhance energy code compliance training and education.
- Develop partnerships with energy stakeholders not previously established.
- Seek appropriate federal and other energy grant opportunities.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1: Coordinate Energy Policy Planning and Analysis

- **Measure 1**

Coordinate and facilitate the development of Idaho's responses to all federal and regional energy documents, issues, and processes.

Benchmark: 10 responses per year

- **Measure 2**

Monitor and provide analysis on all federal and other energy initiatives that affect Idaho.

Benchmark: 100%

- **Measure 3**

Participate in regional and national energy policy discussions and forums.

Benchmark: 50 meetings and forums per year

Goal 2: Provide a Single Point of Contact for Energy Information

- **Measure 1**

Respond to all energy and energy policy inquiries from the public, elected officials, and all other stakeholders.

Benchmark: 100%

- **Measure 2**

Maintain the OER's website to provide timely and accurate information on energy policy and energy related issues.

Benchmark: 100%

- **Measure 3**

Coordinate the ISEA meetings and facilitate development of ISEA reports.

Benchmark: 2 meetings and 5 publication updates per year

Goal 3: Coordinate Energy Related Projects that Benefit Idaho

- **Measure 1**

Provide low interest energy efficiency and renewable energy loans to qualified Idaho residents and businesses.

Benchmark: 20 loans per year

- **Measure 2**

Facilitate energy efficiency audits and retrofits for eligible public buildings.

Benchmark: 10 Energy Efficiency Audits and 5 retrofits on public buildings.