



Maryland Energy Administration Request for Information for the Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS) Technical Assistance Program

Through its [Clean Buildings Hub](#) initiative, the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) is seeking feedback from industry stakeholders, including building owners and operators subject to Maryland's [building energy performance standards \(BEPS\)](#), on the type of technical assistance that will increase likelihood of compliance with the policy.

MEA is Maryland's state energy office, which has a mission to promote clean, affordable, and reliable energy and greenhouse gas emissions reductions to benefit all Marylanders in a just and equitable manner. The Climate Solutions Now Act mandated the creation of the [Maryland Clean Buildings Hub](#) within MEA. The Clean Buildings Hub (the Hub) empowers Maryland's building owners to make well-informed energy investments in their properties by connecting them to financial, educational, and technical assistance.

This Request for Information (RFI) is being issued to seek preliminary feedback on how the State can best support buildings subject to Maryland's BEPS through technical assistance offerings. The Hub defines technical assistance as targeted support to identify, select or design solutions to build capacity. Please note that technical assistance *does not* constitute funding for retrofits. The feedback will help inform the Hub's program design for the BEPS Technical Assistance Program.

Please note, this program is subject to change. This document is not a guarantee of fund availability, nor is it a complete and full request for proposal (RFP). Final program parameters and application instructions will be included in the upcoming RFP.

Topics for which feedback is being sought:

The Hub is interested in receiving feedback on the topics listed below. Respondents may respond to some or all of the questions below.

1. **Name of your organization.** Please provide the name of the organization that you represent. If you are submitting as an individual, you can simply note "individual" followed by your name in the space below.

2. **Please check one of the following descriptions that best describes your affiliation:**
- Building Owner
 - Property Manager
 - Vendor, Contractor, or Consultant
 - Advocacy/Community-based Organization
 - Individual (general public)
 - Other
3. **Identifying barriers to BEPS compliance.** What barriers and challenges do building owners and operators face in understanding their building or portfolio's energy use and emissions? Which forms of technical assistance could help overcome these challenges?
4. **Existing technical assistance offerings in Maryland.** What are the existing technical assistance offerings available to assist buildings subject to the State BEPS? What value and limitations do existing technical assistance offerings provide buildings subject to Maryland BEPS? How can the forthcoming BEPS Technical Assistance Program be complementary or additive to existing offerings?
5. **Program eligibility.** The Hub will limit eligibility to buildings that truly need assistance. Are there specific types of buildings, types of owners, or specific geographies in Maryland that need assistance the most?
6. **Vendor feedback.** As a potential vendor, what support do you envision providing to building owners to meet BEPs goals? Do you participate in existing building innovation programs, if so which ones?
7. **Communication & outreach.** How should the Hub connect with buildings for this program? Are there forums, events, or conferences that are good opportunities to connect in-person? Are there email listservs or intermediary groups who could help spread the word about the technical assistance program?
8. **Additional Feedback.** Is there any other information that the Hub should consider while developing the BEPS Technical Assistance Program?

Deadline for Feedback:

The Hub kindly requests that responses to this RFI be submitted via [this form](#) by **July 11, 2025 at 5 PM**. The Hub may continue to receive comments after the deadline, but comments received by this date may be most impactful. Alternatively, if you prefer, you may send your responses to building.decarbonization@maryland.gov with "BEPS Technical Assistance Program" in the subject line and the questions you are answering clearly specified.

Stakeholder Updates:

Stakeholders interested in receiving updates regarding the forthcoming BEPS Technical Assistance Program may subscribe to the [Clean Buildings Hub Newsletter](#).

NOTICE:



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Please note that information submitted to this RFI is subject to the Maryland Public Information Act (PIA). Upon request for information from a third party, MEA is required to make an independent determination whether the information must be disclosed under the PIA. Designating information as confidential does not guarantee that it can be withheld from disclosure.