



AABE Energy Efficiency Principles

The American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) recognizes the need for increased participation in the discussion on national energy efficiency policy by historically underserved communities. To that end, AABE supports energy efficiency principles.¹

- AABE supports robust federal and state funding and program administration for weatherization programs, with appropriate oversight to ensure that the needs of underserved communities are fully met.
- AABE supports expanded federal and state funding for the low income heat energy assistance program (LIHEAP), with improved metrics for outreach and engagement of underserved communities.
- AABE supports tax credits, consumption reduction and other incentives for residential and commercial energy efficiency investments.
- AABE supports energy efficiency and conservation block grant (EECBG) funding for cities and counties with high concentrations of historically underserved individuals.
- AABE supports research and development funding for energy efficiency technology and programs.
- AABE supports increased business opportunities for minority entrepreneurs/diverse suppliers in the public and private sectors to fully participate in the energy efficiency industry.
- AABE supports creation of a consumer rate-making process for energy efficiency which provides full and equitable treatment for diverse and underserved communities.
- AABE supports informing and educating consumers to improve the efficient use of energy in practical applications (e.g., buildings, appliances, transportation, electronics).
- AABE is a resource for providing information and educating energy consumers from all sectors of society, with emphasis on low- and fixed-income households and small businesses, about ways to improve their efficient use of energy.
- AABE supports affordable energy efficiency implementation strategies that improve the quality of energy utilization within diverse and underserved communities (e.g., “smart” technologies, hybrid/alternative fuel vehicles).

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- AABE supports facilitating improvements in energy literacy through education, training and outreach.
- AABE supports enhancements to domestic energy infrastructure through the development and implementation of technologies for energy efficiency, which optimize the utilization of domestic and foreign energy resources while promoting energy security, economic prosperity, and environmental solutions.
- AABE believes that energy efficient “smart technologies” can:
 - a. Allow consumers to control their energy usage to save money,
 - b. Avoid wasting energy,
 - c. Control how and when appliances do their jobs,
 - d. Help utilities efficiently operate their systems and maintain reliability,
 - e. Help keep supply and demand in balance, and
 - f. Support more efficient use of generating resources.
- AABE encourages the electric utility industry to pursue revenue-neutral, energy efficiency solutions as a sustainable business practice.