

## **Financing Efficiency Projects**

#### Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE)

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## **C-PACE Background**

Program:

Structure:

Statewide financing program - Finance energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation projects *and* efficient new construction projects

Statewide "District" enabled by CO legislation

- Counties voluntarily opt-in to the District
- Projects financed through private capital
- Designed to be self-sustaining program
- Program Sponsor: New Energy Improvement District (NEID)
  - Seven NEID board members
  - Sponsoring agency: Colorado Energy Office (CEO)



#### What is C-PACE? (PACE = Property Assessed Clean Energy)

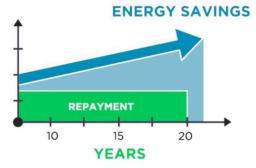
- Innovative financing tool for existing buildings that provides C&I building owners a smarter way to modernize their buildings:
  - 100% financing no out-of-pocket expense
    - Includes soft & hard costs
  - Long term up to 25-year finance term
  - Special purpose assessment (akin to sewer assessment)
    - Non-recourse and transferable, typically no personal guarantees



#### **How C-PACE Works**

C-PACE is a voluntary tax assessment-based, private financing program

- Repayment via a "special assessment" recorded on the property
  - Costs are spread over periods of up to 25 years, fixed interest rate
  - C-PACE payments made annually through property tax bill
  - Goal: Energy savings \$\$ > the PACE payments, creating cash flow positive projects
  - Positive cash flow not required
- Repayment obligation can transfer to new owner upon sale
- Ability to pass through tax assessment to tenants or hotel guests





## What's Eligible?

- Eligible Property Types (C&I)
  - Office
  - Retail
  - Hotel
  - Industrial
  - Agricultural
  - Healthcare
  - Mixed-use
  - Education
  - Warehouse / storage
  - Non-profit
  - Multifamily (5<sup>+</sup> units)

- Eligible Improvements (examples)
  - HVAC upgrades & controls
  - Boilers, chillers & furnaces
  - Pumps, motors, drives
  - Hot water heating systems
  - Combined heat & power (CHP)
  - High efficiency lighting
  - Solar PV systems
  - Building envelope (windows, roofs)
  - Low-flow plumbing; smart irrigation
  - Elevator modernization
  - EV charging stations
  - Beneficial electrification
  - Resiliency (e.g. fire, flood, wind, air quality)



## What Else is Eligible?

#### Costs related to eligible improvements (Examples)

- Engineering studies; architectural fees
- Energy audits
- Renewable energy feasibility studies
- Roof upgrades (e.g. associated with rooftop solar PV systems)
- Building structural reinforcement (support solar PV rooftop installations)
- Environmental clean-up (e.g. asbestos removal for new boiler installation)
- Commissioning, M&V and maintenance contracts (up to five years)
- Equipment extended warranties (e.g. PV system inverter extended warranty)
- Finance closing costs
- Program participation fee (2.25% of project costs, capped at \$50,000)



## **C-PACE for New Construction**

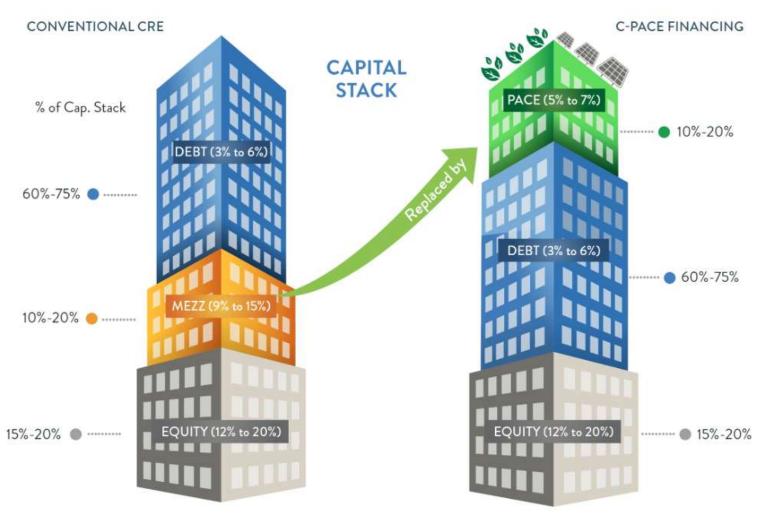
- C-PACE financing for 15% to 20% of total eligible new construction costs
- Build to the 2018 IECC to be eligible for 15% of total construction costs
- Exceed (>5%) 2018 IECC to be eligible for 20% of total construction costs
- Enables building design to "push the envelope"





#### **C-PACE for New Construction**

Where lower cost C-PACE financing can be used in lieu of mezzanine debt or equity, the developer can often lower their weighted average cost of capital



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#### **C-PACE Retroactive Financing & Refinancing**

#### Retroactive Financing

- Applicable to new construction or gut rehabilitation projects
- Completed within two (2) years from certificate of occupancy
- Pay down existing debt and/or fund operational reserves.

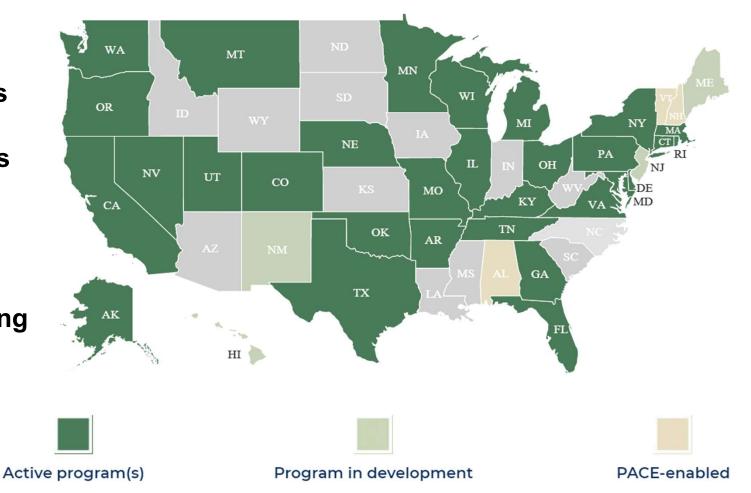
#### Refinancing

 Refinance the outstanding C-PACE assessment lien with the existing capital provider or a new capital provider



#### **C-PACE** Nationwide

- 30 states with active programs
- 3,000+ buildings nationwide
- \$5 billion inC-PACE financing



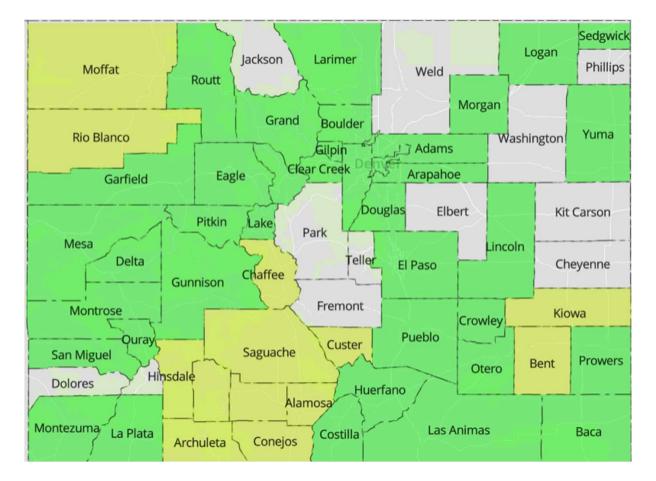
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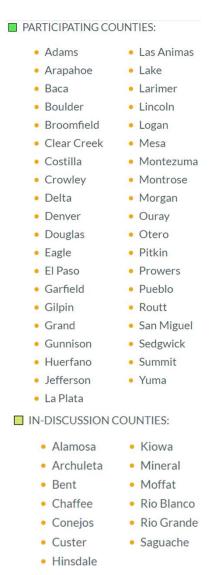
## **Colorado C-PACE Statewide Program**

#### Counties must opt-in to participate in the C-PACE statewide "District"



- County Collection Fee: to cover collections & remittance
  - 1% of PACE annual assessment amount





#### **Project Potential**

RMI report released in February 2020 – Class B/C buildings

- 15%+ savings with bundled low- and no-cost improvements
- 35%+ savings with capital improvements
- NOI increases between 2.4 to 5.6%
- Property value increase between \$5 and \$11 per SF
  - **50,000 SF building: \$250,000 to \$550,000 in increased value**

With C-PACE, there is no reason for Class B/C buildings to remain inefficient and more costly to operate



## **Project Origination Drivers**

Why owners do projects:

- Equipment needs (failing / older equipment)
  - Bundle projects the bucket list (solar PV, EV charging stations)
- Cost savings (\$, Net Operating Income)
- Policy: Building Performance Standards
  - EUI reduction targets for covered buildings of 7% by 2026 and 20% by 2030, from a 2021 energy data baseline (50k SF+)
  - Energize Denver EUI reduction targets by 2030 (25k SF+)



#### **C-PACE** as a Solution

- Capital improvement projects typically between \$250k to multimillion dollar projects
- Longer simple payback periods on average 10-20 years
- Building ownership turnover typically 5-7 years

#### **C-PACE** financing:

- Long-term (up to 25 years) provides better cash flows
- Attached to the building (not the owner) pass on repayment obligation
- Address needs and wish list items



## Mortgage Holder Consent

- C-PACE assessment requires written consent from existing mortgage holder(s) or construction lender(s)
  - C-PACE assessment lien has priority status akin to sewer assessment
  - Liens for assessments imposed by other governmental entities have coequal priority with the District special assessment lien

#### Case to provide mortgage lender consent

- Increase owner's ability to repay mortgage (better NOI)
- Increase building's value
- C-PACE assessment is non-accelerating; i.e. in a default scenario only payments in arrears come due (usually less than 0.4% of building's value)



#### **Consenting Mortgage Holders**

- 43 unique mortgage holders have consented to a C-PACE project
- 13 mortgage holders have consented MULTIPLE times
- 10 mortgage holders have provided C-PACE project financing

	Academy Bank	1 project	Frist National Bank of Hutchinson	1 project
	Access Point Financial	1 project	First National Bank of Monument	1 project
	Adams Bank & Trust (1)	1 project	Great Western Bank	1 project
	Alpine Bank (4)	5 projects	Guaranty Bank and Trust	1 project
	ANB Bank (6)	3 projects	iBorrow	1 project
	Bank of Colorado (2)	2 projects	Impact Development Fund	1 project
	Bank of the Ozarks	1 project	InBank	1 project
	Bank of the West	1 project	Independent Bank	5 projects
	Bellco Credit Union (5)	4 projects	JR&B	1 project
	Berkley Bank (5)	2 projects	Legacy Bank	1 project
	Centennial Lending	1 project	LoanCore Capital	1 project
	Citizens State Bank	1 project	Midfirst Bank	4 projects
	Citywide Banks (4)	3 projects	Midland States Bank	1 project
	Collins Community Credit Union	1 project	Money 360 Advisors	1 project
	Colorado Business Bank	1 project	Mutual of Omaha	2 projects
	Colorado Historical Society	1 project	Pacific Western Bank	1 project
	Colorado Structures Inc (1)	2 projects	Pueblo Bank and Trust	1 project
	First Bank (8)	5 projects	Security Services FCU	1 project
	First Citizens Bank	1 project	TBK Bank	1 project
	First National Bank	1 project	UMB Bank	1 project
~			Vectra Bank	1 project
<b>F</b>	Colorado Commercial P	roperty	Waypoint Bank (1)	2 projects
	ACE Assessed Clean Energy	94A 823	Wells Fargo	8 projects

### **Consenting Senior Lenders – New Construction**

- 29 unique senior lenders have consented to a new construction
   C-PACE project
- Two senior lenders have provided C-PACE project financing

<ul> <li>Access Point Financial</li> </ul>	1 project	Greater Commercial Lending	1 project
Adams Bank and Trust	1 project	Greater Nevada Credit Union	1 project
<ul> <li>Alpine Bank (1)</li> </ul>	2 projects	Guaranty Bank and Trust	1 project
Bank of the Ozarks	1 project	<ul> <li>iBorrow</li> </ul>	1 project
Broadmark Realty	2 projects	■ InBank	1 project
Centennial Bank	1 project	Independent Bank	1 project
Collins Community Credit Union	2 projects	Origin Bank	1 project
Cornhusker Bank	1 project	Pacific Coast Banker's Bank	1 project
Cost Fund 1	1 project	Park View Financial Fund	1 project
Exchange Bank	1 project	PCSD Resorts SB Credit Private Limited	1 project
<ul> <li>First Bank (2)</li> </ul>	4 projects	Plains Commerce Bank	1 project
First National Bank of Omaha	1 project	Romspen	3 projects
First Western Trust	1 project	Trust of Illinois	1 project
<ul> <li>Glacier Bank</li> </ul>	1 project	UMB Bank	1 project
		Waters Edge	1 project



## **Capital Providers – C-PACE Lenders**

- Conduct underwriting to assess building's financial health:
  - Good C-PACE candidate? Loan-to-Value percentage (< 80% typically qualifies)</p>
    - Outstanding mortgage value / estimated property value
  - How much financing? PACE-to-Value percentage (< 30% typically available)</p>
    - Estimated project value / estimated property value
  - Review building financials & project cash flow projections
- Execute financing agreement with property owner



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## **Qualified Capital Providers**

#### 51 capital providers pre-qualified, representing multiple sectors:

- Community banks, credit unions, and PACE-specialty investors
- Serving small to large property/project sizes in both existing building & new construction



# **EPIC**<sup>M</sup> Energy Performance Improvement Calculator

Powerful cloud-based app for HVAC, EMS and lighting equipment replacement projects that empowers you, in real time, to:



Estimate energy savings



Win more projects!



- Powered by SRS proprietary data, predictive analytics and proven technology from thousands of energy improvement projects conducted nationwide over the last 10 years
- Subscription-based product (not PACE-centric); demo available upon request



More information at: Srsworx.com

#### **EPIC – Financial Analytics**

- Owner engagement
- Make the "business case" compelling investment opportunity
- Owner has the information to make a fully-informed, expedited investment decision
- Make your proposal stand out from the competition





#### **EPIC Enables EE + Solar PV**

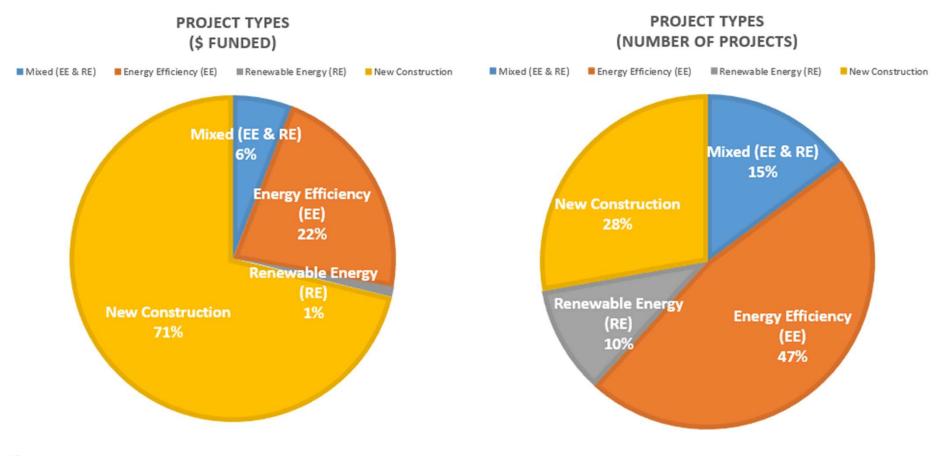
- New functionality: "energy efficiency first" and then "right-sizing" a solar PV system
- Determine optimized combination of EE and solar PV
- Electrification: determine upfront investment and operating cost impact
- Determine investment required to achieve net-zero carbon emissions

Energy Efficiency Project Types * 🗇							
Like-for-Like Replacements							
Heating	Cooling						
Heat Pumps	🔲 Heat Pumps <sup>(1)</sup>						
DHW Heating System <sup>®</sup>	🔲 Air Conditioning 🗇						
Space Heating System <sup>®</sup>	🔲 Chiller System 🎱						
System Conversions (1)							
Heating and Cooling							
Heat Pumps <sup>1</sup>							
✓ Variable Refrigerant Flow <sup>⑦</sup>							
Others							
LED Lighting							
EMS (DDC)							
Solar PV							
U Windows							
Insulation							
□ Air Sealing <sup>(i)</sup>							
Roofing <sup>(1)</sup>							



#### **Colorado C-PACE Projects**

- C-PACE serving broad range of C&I projects: \$900K median project size
  - Building size: median 52,938 SF; smallest 1,000 SF



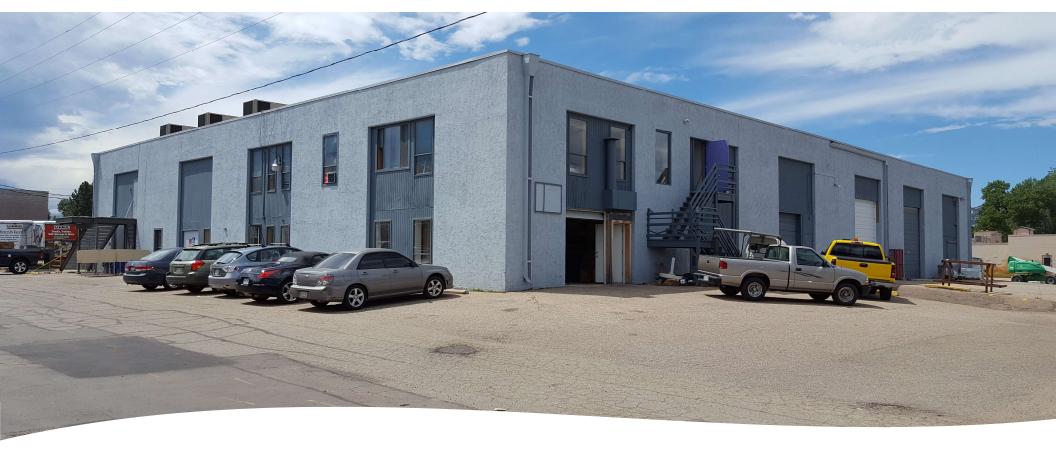


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## **Colorado C-PACE Program Update**

- 121 projects financed; \$251.3M in project financing
  - 2,721 job-years created
  - 803,396 tons of lifetime GHG emissions reduction
  - \$80.8M lifetime cost savings
- Smallest CO project: \$53K; Largest CO project: \$55.5M
- Average project: \$2.1M; Median: \$947K
- 86 retrofits and 35 new construction projects financed
- 39 counties participating in the program (>96% C&I bldg stock)
- 294 registered contractors; 51 registered capital providers





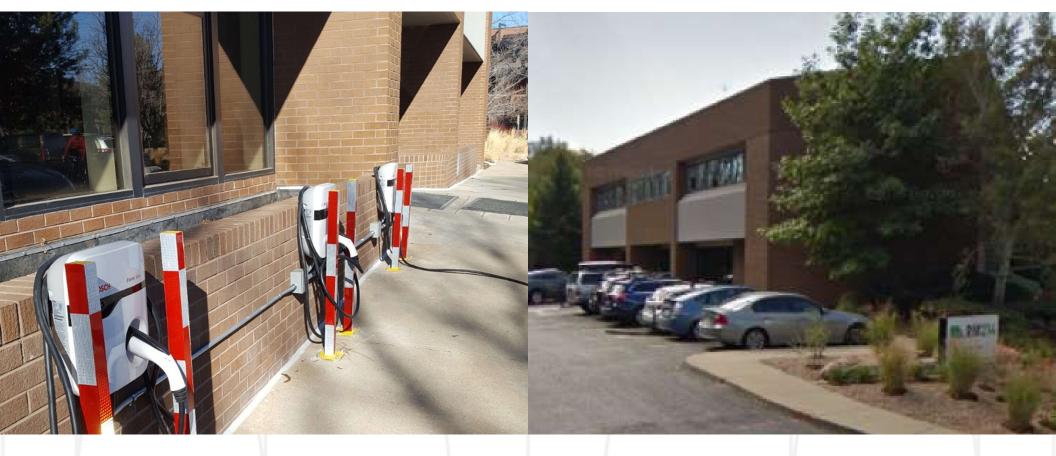
Multi-tenant Case Study

- Building: Multi-tenant office & warehouse
- Project: 100 kW Solar PV system & lighting retrofit
- Amount financed: \$330,928; 20-year term
- Savings: \$939,959 lifetime cost savings, 3,806 tons GHG
- Roof Replacement considered
- Excluded grower tenant from project



Small Building Case Study

- Building: 3,938 SF dry cleaners
- Project: 46 kW Solar PV system
  - Ground and roof mount
- Amount financed: \$125,940; 12-year term
- Savings: \$369,689 lifetime cost savings; 1,528 tons GHG
- ITC, MACRS, SolarRewards, EnergySmart



#### Energy Efficiency & Solar PV Case Study

- Building: Office for digital marketing & social media firm
- Project: 16 kW Solar PV; RTU replacement; RTU controls; exterior lighting; roof replacement
- Amount financed: \$296,251; 15-year term
- Savings: \$289,333 lifetime cost savings; 1,869 tons GHG
- Other measures included: EV charging stations



Comprehensive Energy Efficiency Case Study

- Facility: Two Large Commercial Office Buildings
- Project: Energy management system; RTU replacement; evap condensers; advanced metering (FDD); LED retrofit; water efficiency
- Amount financed: \$7,166,166; SIR 0.57, 20-year term
- Other measures included: LEED-EB
- 37% energy reduction; 52,109 tons GHG emission reduction



#### Repeat Owner Case Study

- Building: 97,395 SF office building
- Project: BAS upgrade; VFDs; roof replacement; LED lighting
- Amount financed: \$626,466; 20-year term
- Savings: \$780,098 lifetime cost savings; 5,974 tons GHG
- First of nine projects developed by Ogilvie Properties

#### "Gut Rehab" Case Study

- Building: 56,586 SF Recreational / Fitness
- Project: windows and skylights; HVAC; destratification fans; LED retrofit
- Amount financed: \$1,695,315, 20-year term
- Total gut-rehab (big box retail)





"Gut Rehab" Case Study

- Transformation of the historic Knights of Pythias building into a boutique limited-service hotel (Rathbone Hotel and Parlor Bar)
- Building: 12,500 SF Hotel
- Project: Insulation, Roofing, Windows and Caulking, Elevator,
   Water Efficiency Fixtures, HVAC, Lighting and Electrical Upgrades
- Amount financed: \$1,650,000; 25-year term
- Savings: \$190,714 lifetime cost savings; 4,075 tons GHG



Non-Profit Case Study

- Building: 146,217 SF Museum
- Project: LED retrofit
- Amount financed: \$61,865; 10-year term
- Savings: \$229,206 lifetime cost savings; 1,085 tons GHG
- First non-profit to use C-PACE financing in CO



Non-Profit Case Study

- Building: 120,378 SF Senior Center
- Project: Chiller plant retrofit, efficient HVAC equipment, exhaust fans, and LED lighting
- Amount financed: \$1,924,121; SIR 1.09, 20-year term
- Lifetime cost savings: \$3,630,209; 23,939 tons GHG



New Construction Case Study

- Building: 26,000 SF 36-room hospitality
- Amount financed: \$2,800,000; 25-year term
- 19.2% of total construction costs financed
- One of 14 hospitality new construction projects
- Improved insulation and windows, VRF fan coils units, DOAS, low-flow plumbing fixtures, low LPD

#### New Construction Case Study

- Building: 231,500 SF hospitality
- Residences, hotel, restaurant
- Amount financed: \$55.5M; 25-year finance term
- 20% of total construction costs financed
- Exceed 2015 IECC by 17%

Design included water source heat pumps, efficient snowmelt, heat recovery, high insulation levels, low-flow plumbing, low LPD



New Construction Case Study – Retroactive Financing

- Building: 72,310 SF US Olympic Museum
- Amount financed: \$8,494,303; 25-year term
- 15.5% of total construction costs financed
- Exceeded 2015 IECC by 6.7%
- Improved insulation and windows, High Efficiency Heat Pumps, low LPD

#### **Benefits of C-PACE**

- Long-term financing (up to 25 years)
- No out-of-pocket (100% financing)
- Lower cost of capital
- Smaller debt service payments help projects "pencil out"
- No recourse to business owners no personal guarantees
- Ability to hand off repayment obligation



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## Project Start – Submit Prequalification Submission Form

- Prequalification Submission (PQS) form – program "application"
  - General building information
  - Current mortgage and assessed or appraised value
  - General project SOW
  - Mortgage holder
  - Contractor/Capital provider
- Letter of Eligibility
- Schedule kickoff call





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