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# PATHWAYS TO ADOPT THE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROCUREMENT FRAMEWORK

The Zero Code Renewable Energy Procurement Framework can be advanced both inside and outside the building code adoption process. Find the best option for your city or state for adopting the framework, and note that some pathway options can be used in tandem. Some examples of pathways in action are linked below.

Do you work for a CITY or STATE?

# CITY

Does
your city
have the
legal
authority
(home rule)
to update
nonresidential
building
codes?

# YES

#### OPTION 1: CITY ENERGY CODE

Adopt the 2021 IECC, including Appendix CC, which includes elements of the Renewable Energy Procurement Framework.

# PATHWAY OPTIONS

#### OPTION 2:

#### **LEAD BY EXAMPLE**

Adopt the 2021 IECC with Appendix CC for municipal buildings, or buildings receiving municipal funding.

#### OPTION 3:

### **PROVIDE INCENTIVES**

Provide incentives for projects that meet the requirements outlined in the Renewable Energy Procurement Framework.

## **PATHWAY OPTIONS**

NO

#### OPTION 1: CITY ZONING\*

Update or adopt <u>new zoning</u> <u>regulations</u> to incentivize or require renewable energy procurement as outlined in the framework for compatible new commercial buildings.

#### **OPTION 2:**

#### **CITY ORDINANCE\***

Pass a local ordinance requiring or incentivizing framework-compatible new commercial buildings.

#### **OPTION 3:**

#### **EXISTING BUILDINGS\***

Pass a **local ordinance** to require or incentivize adding on- or off-site renewable energy for existing buildings.

### **PATHWAY OPTIONS**

### STATE

#### **OPTION 1:**

#### STATE CODE

Adopt the 2021 IECC with Appendix CC through state building code adoption or adopt Appendix CC on top of an existing commercial building energy code.

#### OPTION 2:

#### **LEAD BY EXAMPLE\*\***

Adopt the 2021 IECC with Appendix CC for state buildings or buildings that receive state funding.

#### **OPTION 3:**

#### **VOLUNTARY STRETCH CODE\*\***

Adopt a voluntary stretch code based on the Renewable Energy Procurement Framework with incentives to encourage adoption.



#### **DEFINITIONS:**

IECC = International Energy Conservation Code

Zero Code Renewable Energy Procurement Framework = 2021 IECC Appendix CC: Zero Energy Commercial Building Provisions Framework-compatible = efficient buildings that procure or generate enough on- or off-site renewable energy to meet their annual energy needs.

\* These pathways do not require a city to update building energy codes

\*\* These options can be used in tandem