

# ISWG: FEMP Carbon Pollution-Free Electricity Resources

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# Federal Customer Priorities

Energy Efficiency | Decarbonization | Fleet Electrification | Resilience

## Energy Act 2020:

- Expanded requirements related to implementation of lifecycle cost effective (LCE) energy/water conservation measures identified in facility audits
  - Requires performance contracting to install 50% of LCE measures

## EO 14057 (12/2021): Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability

- Established federal emission reduction goals



Updated FAQs  
Address new EA2020  
Requirements

*Applicable to UESCs and  
ESPCs (see questions 37-40)*

# Executive Order 14057

## Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability



Implementing Instructions for Federal Agencies



100% carbon pollution-free **electricity** (CFE) by 2030, including 50 percent 24/7 CFE



A net-zero emissions building portfolio by 2045, including a 50% emissions reduction by 2032; and

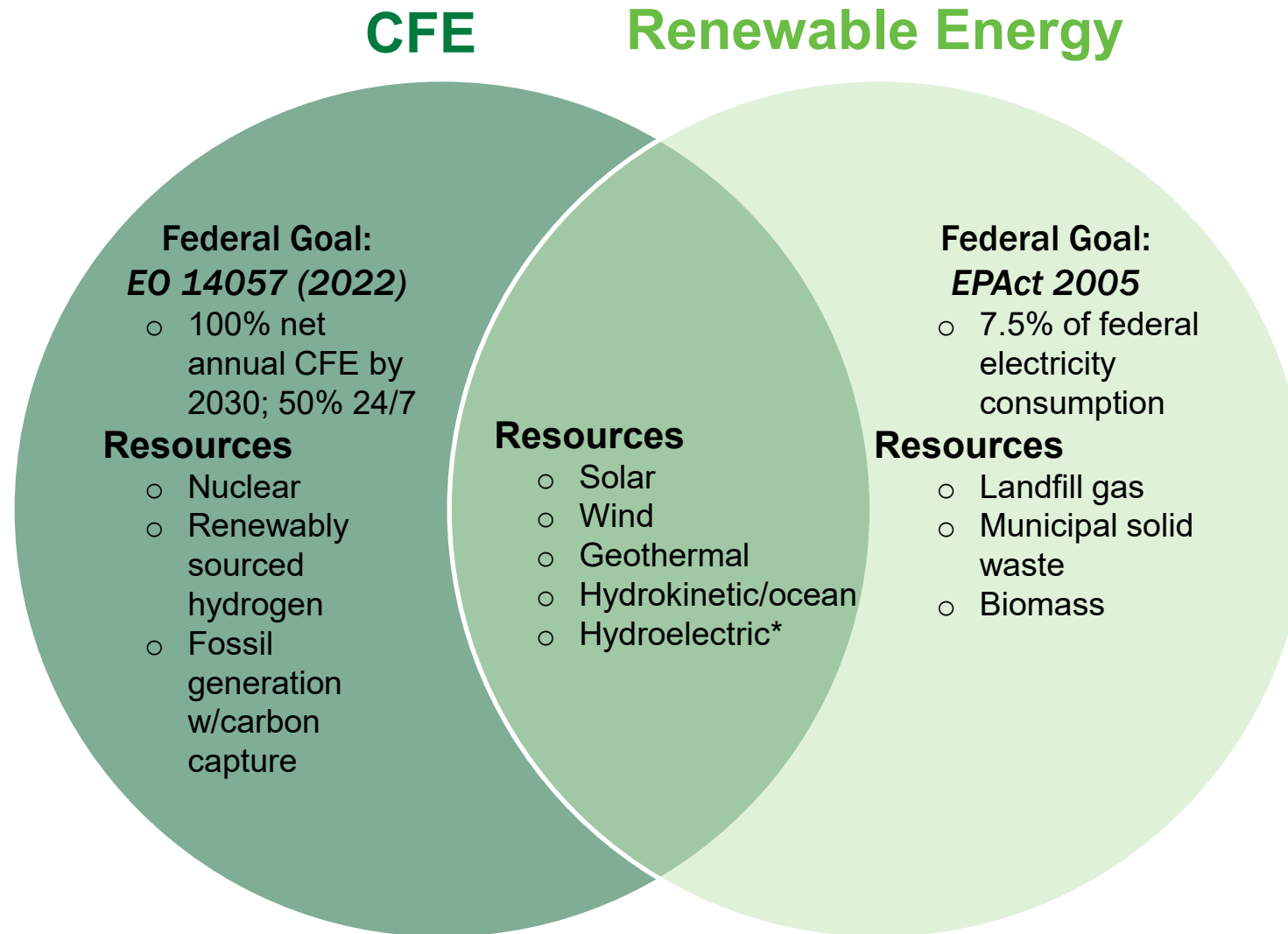


100% *zero-emission vehicle* (ZEV) acquisitions by 2035, including 100% zero-emission light-duty vehicle acquisitions by 2027



Net-zero emissions from overall federal operations by 2050

# CFE & Renewable Energy



\*All hydroelectric generation qualifies as CFE. New hydroelectric generation qualifies as renewable if its capacity has increased through either improved efficiency or an addition to the project.

# CFE Strategies

There are four strategies to source CFE that complies with the Implementing Instructions

## (a) Grid-supplied CFE

- Electricity sourced via standard procurement from an electric utility

## (b) On-site CFE

- Electricity generated on-site at federal sites from CFE-compliant sources

## (c) Purchased CFE




- Electricity generated off-site and procured from an electricity supplier

## (d) Energy Attribute Certificates-Only

- Certificates procured separately from the electricity

# CFE Qualifications

When procuring CFE, the Implementing Instructions set three requirements for associated Energy Attribute Certificates (EACs):

	 <b>GENERATING TECHNOLOGY</b>	 <b>BALANCING AUTHORITY</b>	 <b>FY 2022+ PLACED IN SERVICE</b>
<i>Definition</i>	Produced by zero-carbon sources	Delivered to the same BA where the agency matches its load	Generated by resources placed in service after October 1, 2021
<i>Rationale</i>	Eliminating emissions from electricity aligns with the Executive Order 14057 ambition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased impact</li> <li>Decarbonization benefits shared across the entire country</li> </ul>	Procurement should be additive to grid decarbonization efforts

*Note: These requirements do not apply to grid-supplied CFE. See CEQ CFE Strategic Plan Training for additional EAC exceptions.*

# CFE Strategic Plans

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Agency CFE Strategic Plans (due 1/31/23) are meant to help agencies:

- (1) Set CFE targets
- (2) Participate in CFE procurements
- (3) Share electricity procurement data

CEQ and FEMP are supporting agencies as they develop their Strategic Plans through:

- (1) Tools & training
- (2) Researching available CFE options at utilities with high federal load
- (3) Office hours and one-on-one meetings

# FEMP Resources: CFE Resources Landing Page

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Energy.gov website, including the logo and menu items like Newsroom, Leadership, and Search. Below the navigation is the Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy logo and a main menu with categories: ABOUT EERE, INITIATIVES, RESOURCES, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, RENEWABLE ENERGY, and SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION. A dropdown menu for the FEDERAL ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM is open, showing the current page. The main content area features a large header image with the text "Carbon Pollution-Free Electricity Resources for Federal Agencies" and "Federal Energy Management Program". Below the header is a breadcrumb trail: "Federal Energy Management Program » Carbon Pollution-Free Electricity Resources for Federal Agencies". A paragraph of text explains the page's purpose: "This page connects federal agencies to Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) carbon pollution-free electricity (CFE) resources and provides information to increase federal agency understanding of on-site and off-site CFE options. Additionally, the steps outlined below represent a comprehensive approach to CFE planning and procurement." Below the text is a three-step process diagram: 1. Assess (Understand site utility markets and CFE usage), 2. Strategize (Identify feasible, impactful pathways to increase CFE), and 3. Implement (Execute procurement strategies for CFE).

## Assess

Assess the options available to your site based on the utility regulatory environment in which it is located. Available options will differ depending upon the market structure.

- UNDERSTAND AGENCY ELECTRIC UTILITY REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT +
- IDENTIFY BALANCING AUTHORITIES +
- REVIEW AVAILABLE DATA RELATED TO IDENTIFIED ECMS FOR EFFICIENCY OPPORTUNITIES +
- CONSIDER FUTURE LOAD +

## Strategize

Identify feasible, impactful pathways to increase CFE.

- UNDERSTAND POTENTIAL FOR ADDITIONAL ON-SITE CFE GENERATION CAPACITY +
- IDENTIFY CURRENT ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT STRATEGY +
- UNDERSTAND OPTIONS FOR OFF-SITE CFE PROCUREMENT +

## Implement

Implement energy efficiency measures, off-site CFE procurement, and on-site CFE generation and/or energy storage projects.

- EXECUTE STRATEGIES TO INCREASE ON-SITE CFE GENERATION +
- EXECUTE STRATEGY TO INCREASE CFE FOR SITES IN VERTICALLY INTEGRATED MARKETS +
- EXECUTE STRATEGY TO INCREASE CFE FOR SITES IN RETAIL ELECTRIC CHOICE MARKETS +
- REPORT CFE USAGE +
- MEASURE PROGRESS +

[Carbon Pollution-Free Electricity Resources for Federal Agencies | Department of Energy](#)



# Approach to CFE Planning & Procurement



## 1. Assess

- Understand current contracts and site loads
- Identify energy efficiency, on-site, and off-site CFE options



## 2. Strategize

- Energy efficiency to reduce load
- On-site CFE
- Off-site CFE purchases

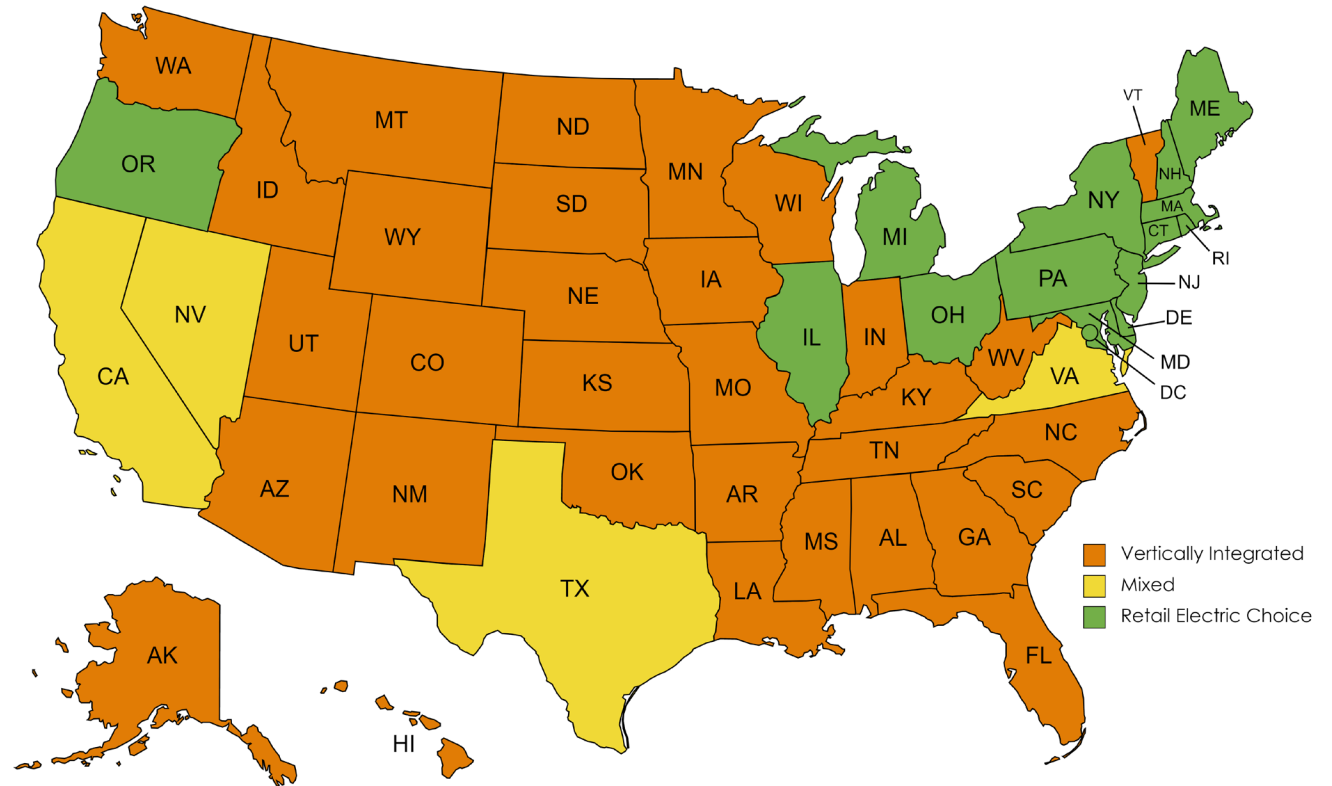


## 3. Implement

- Implement phased procurement strategies that increase CFE availability and qualify towards federal CFE related goals

# Assess

- Understand Agency electric utility regulatory environment
  - Varies by state
- Identify balancing authorities
  - Look-up tool available by request through the [FEMP Assistance Request Portal](#)
- Review available data related to identified ECMs for efficiency opportunities
- Consider future load



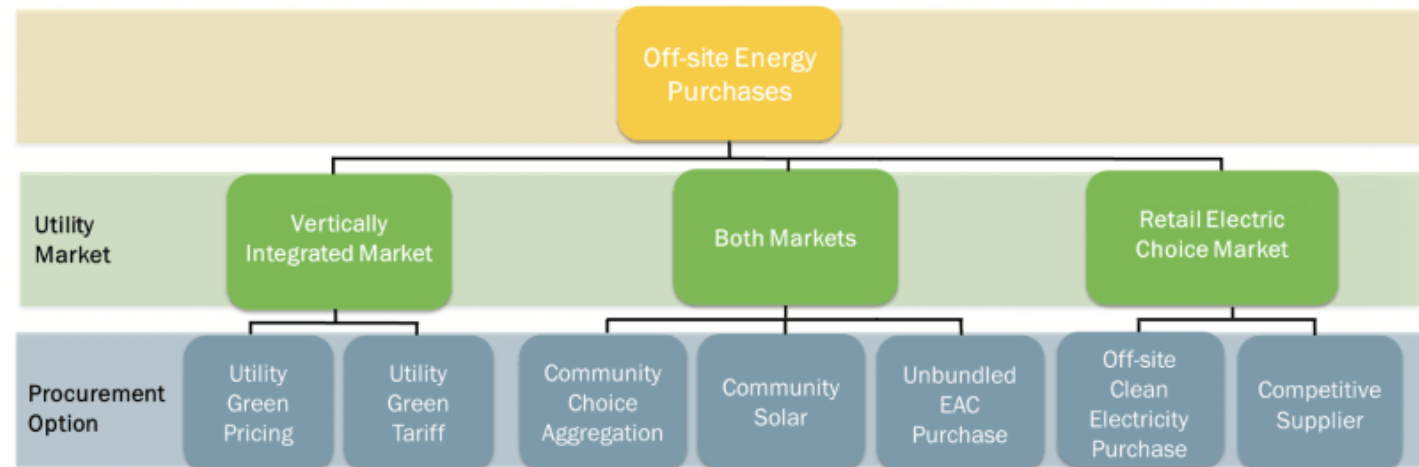
# Strategize

- Understand potential for additional on-site CFE generation capacity
- Identify current electricity procurement strategy
- Understand options for off-site CFE procurement

## FEMP RESOURCES

Refer to the following FEMP resources for more information and technical assistance.

- **REopt: Renewable Energy Integration and Optimization**<sup>en</sup> : Techno-economic decision support platform to evaluate the economic viability of distributed energy technologies (e.g., PV, wind, battery storage, geothermal heat pumps) at each site
- **Process for Planning and Implementing Federal Distributed Energy Projects**: Six phase process to implement distributed energy projects
- **Distributed Energy Interconnection Checklist**: Series of questions and tasks for agencies to ask their utility, broken out by each interconnection process step
- **AFFECT: Assisting Federal Facilities with Energy Conservation Technologies**: Funding opportunity through FEMP to meet energy-related goals.



# Implement

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- **Execute strategies to increase:**
  - Energy efficiency or deep energy retrofits
  - On-site CFE generation
  - CFE for sites in vertically integrated markets
  - CFE for sites in retail electric choice markets
- **Report CFE usage**
- **Measure progress**

# Additional FEMP CFE Programs and Resources

- [ESPCs](#)
- [Utility Program & UESCs](#)

Performance Contracts



- [Distributed energy and energy procurement](#)
  - On-site options
  - Off-site options

Distributed Energy



- [Federal Project Executives](#)
- [eProject Builder](#) (secure project tracking and management system)

Project Quality Assurance Services



- [Assisting Federal Facilities with Energy Conservation Technologies](#)
- Competitive grants for federal facilities to implement ECMs
- \$250M from BIL

AFFECT



- [Grid-interactive efficient buildings \(GEB\)](#)
- [50001 Ready Program](#)
- [Metering](#)
- [O&M](#)
- [Re-tuning](#)
- [Auditing](#)

Facility Optimization



- [Electric vehicles for federal fleets](#)
  - Electric vehicle infrastructure assessments
  - Workplace charging
  - Alternative fuels
  - Federal Automotive Statistical Tool (FAST)

Fleet Optimization



- [Energy and water resilience and security](#)
  - Technical Resilience Navigator
  - Customer Damage Function Calculator

Resilience



- [Energy-efficient products and energy-saving technologies](#)
  - ENERGY STAR
  - FEMP designated efficiency requirements
  - Low Standby Power

Sustainable Product Procurement



- [Annual energy reporting requirements](#)

CFE Reporting



# Questions?

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Feel free to reach out to us at any time via the FEMP Assistance Request Portal:

<https://www7.eere.energy.gov/femp/assistance/>

Or contact [Tracy.Niro@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Tracy.Niro@ee.doe.gov) with additional questions