

Program Overview

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C-PACE Session Summary

- C-PACE Background & Structure
- How C-PACE Works
- Benefits of C-PACE for EE/RE Industry

Q&A

C-PACE Background & Structure

C-PACE Program Background

- New Energy Jobs Creation Act authorized the New Energy Improvement District (NEID) to create the statewide C-PACE "District"
- NEID Board is comprised of seven members, incl. representatives from:
 - Colorado Energy Office
 - Commercial Real Estate Industry
 - Banking Industry
 - Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Industry
 - Public Utilities

C-PACE Program Background (cont.)

- May 2015: NEID issued public RFP for C-PACE Program Administrator
- Aug 2015: NEID Board selected SRS as C-PACE Program Administrator
 - SRS has substantial C-PACE experience nationwide
- 4Q 2015: NEID & SRS collaboration on myriad of launch plan activities
 - Program website: <u>www.copace.com</u>
- Dec 2015: Public launch of C-PACE program
- Feb & Mar 2016: 140 contractors attend initial series of C-PACE workshops

What is C-PACE?

- Innovative financing model that provides C&I building owners a smarter way to modernize their buildings:
 - 100% financing (no out-of-pocket expense)
 - Long term (up to 20 years)
 - Lower energy costs
 - Cash flow positive projects
 - No personal guarantees
 - Combine with utility & tax incentives
 - Payment obligation automatic transfer upon sale (akin to sewer assessment)

Eligible Property Types



Eligible Improvements



C-PACE Program Structure

Counties voluntarily opt-in to participate in C-PACE statewide "District"

(check copace.com website for opt-in updates)

Participating Counties:

- Boulder
- In-Discussion Counties:
 - Adams
 - Jefferson
 - Arapahoe
- MesaPitkin
- Broomfield
- Denver

Eagle

PuebloSummit

- Garfield
- Summit

County tax offices bill & collect PACE assessment fees

- County will remit building owner's PACE assessment collections to NEID
- NEID will disburse PACE funds to private capital providers

C-PACE Program Structure (cont.)

- C-PACE is designed as an "open source funding model"
 - No state / public funds are available to finance projects
 - Pre-qualified private Capital Providers fund eligible projects
- In cases where building owner does not have a preferred capital provider the Program Administrator may review pre-approved projects with prequalified capital providers to determine funding interest
- C-PACE requires owners to receive written consent of mortgage holder

How it Works

Why Owners Like "Power of PACE"

Typical mid-sized building owners (Class B & C, 10k-100k SF):

Challenges

- Lack capital budget
- Poor credit quality

C-PACE Solutions

- ✓ 100% financing; No out-of-pocket
- Project underwriting based on building's financial health (LTV)
- Limited access to financing
- Inability to increase OPEX
- ✓ No personal guarantee required
- ✓ Immediate positive cash flow

Why Owners Like "Power of PACE" (Cont.)

- PACE obligation is attached to the property
- Automatically transfers to new owner upon sale
- Payment does not accelerate at time of sale (as in typical bank loan)
- Allows deeper, capital intensive projects with longer payback times
 - Overcomes short-term payback focus & fix-at-failure mentality

Role of Mortgage Holder

- Mortgage holder must consent to C-PACE assessment placement
- Mortgage banks will assess the project's impact on:
 - Borrowers repayment ability
 - Collateral value
- C-PACE projects generate positive cash flow, thus:
 - Improve both the ability to repay & collateral value
- 115⁺ banks have consented to PACE projects

Role of Capital Providers

- Capital providers financing a C-PACE project will assess the building's financial health:
 - Loan-to-Value percentage (< 80% is preferred)</p>
 - Outstanding mortgage value / estimated property value
 - Lien-to-Value percentage (< 20% is preferred)</p>
 - Estimated project value / estimated property value

C-PACE "Project Accelerator Services"

- C-PACE's experienced team will:
 - Assist contractors *identify* C-PACE eligible projects
 - Collaborate with contractors to *develop* a financeable project
 - Conduct independent *technical review* of projected savings
 - Support a project *presentation* to the building owner
 - Assist owner **obtain consent** from the current mortgage holder
 - Help identify "best-fit" financing from participating capital providers

C-PACE / Contractor:

C-PACE prepares PACEcheck Pre-qualification Report

Contractor schedules Owner meeting(s)

Owner Meeting:

- C-PACE / Contractor discuss project opportunity
- Discuss Mortgage Holder consent requirement
- Contractor submits project application to C-PACE program

- Owner / C-PACE Preliminary Meeting with Mortgage Holder
 - C-PACE overview
 - Confirm building financial data
 - Obtain "conditional" approval from mortgage holder

C-PACE / Contractor

- Collaborate on project development
- Select optimal EE/RE measures
- C-PACE prepares alternative Project Finance Reports (SIR)

Contractor:

- Contractor confirms final project and cost
- Contractor submits final proposal to owner

Owner:

- Approves final Project Finance Report
- Obtains mortgage holder consent
- C-PACE team facilitates introduction to Capital Providers

- Capital Provider:
 - Prepares financing term sheet for owner approval
 - Prepares Finance Agreement
 - Closes financing and disburses funds

C-PACE Benefits to CO Energy Efficiency / Renewable Energy Industry

C-PACE Benefits to CO EE/RE Industry

CO C-PACE is right-structured for success:

- Statewide program with CEO / NEID as sponsor agency
 - Ensure consistent, repeatable and scalable process

Technically sound Program Guidelines & independent project review

Overcome owner & mortgage holder skepticism of savings projections

"Open Market" access to private capital

Facilitate building owner selection of "Best-Fit" capital provider

C-PACE for New Construction EE Projects

- Colorado is first program in nation to allow C-PACE financing for new construction EE projects
 - Building's baseline energy consumption based on IECC energy code
 - Energy savings credit is delta between code and new EE equipment
 - C-PACE financing not too exceed 20% of total new construction costs
 - See Program Guide: "Special Considerations for New Construction"

Next Steps – Contractor Registration

Become a C-PACE registered contractor

- Online registration application at: <u>www.copace.com</u>
- C-PACE team registration contact:
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