



### Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Green Building Lecture Series

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# **C-PACE Background**

Structure:Statewide "District" enabled by CO legislationCounties voluntarily opt-in to the DistrictProjects financed through private capitalDesigned to be self-sustaining (2.5% fee on closed projects)

Program Sponsor: New Energy Improvement District (NEID)
 7 NEID board members, incl. CO Energy Office



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### What is C-PACE?

- New Way financing that provides C&I building owners a smarter way to modernize their buildings:
  - 100% financing (no out-of-pocket expense, i.e. includes soft & hard costs)
  - Long term (up to 25 years, not to exceed the weighted EUL of eligible improvements)
  - Lower energy costs
  - Combine with utility, tax, and economic development incentives
  - No personal guarantees
  - Special purpose assessment (akin to sewer assessment)





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

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

- Building owners choose to install eligible EE, water efficiency and RE improvements
- Costs are spread over periods of up to 25 years
- Repayment via a "special assessment" recorded on the property
- Goal: Energy savings \$\$ > the PACE payments, creating cash flow positive projects
- Repayment obligation can transfer to new owner upon sale







### **Historical C-PACE Projects**

C-PACE serving broad range of C&I property types & project sizes



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### **C-PACE Program Structure**

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



PARTICIPATING C	OUNTIES:
Adams	<ul> <li>Jefferson</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Arapahoe</li> </ul>	• Lake
Boulder	• Larimer
<ul> <li>Broomfield</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Montezuma</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Clear Creek</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Montrose</li> </ul>
• Delta	<ul> <li>Ouray</li> </ul>
• Denver	• Pitkin
• Eagle	Pueblo
• Fremont	• Routt
<ul> <li>Garfield</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>San Miguel</li> </ul>
Gunnison	• Weld
	COUNTIES:
<ul> <li>Chaffee</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Morgan</li> </ul>
• El Paso	• Otero
• La Plata	• Summit

- **County Servicing Fee:** to cover semi-annual billing, collections & remittance services
  - Up to 1% of PACE annual assessment amount, included on owners property tax bill





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### What's Eligible?

### Eligible Property Types (C&I)

- Office
- Retail
- Hotel
- Industrial
- Agricultural
- Healthcare
- Non-profit
- Multifamily (5<sup>+</sup> units)

### Eligible Improvements (examples)

- Automated building controls
- Boilers, chillers & furnaces
- Building envelope (insulation, windows)
- Combined heat & power (CHP)
- High efficiency lighting
- Hot water heating systems
- HVAC upgrades & controls
- Solar PV systems (roof upgrade)
- Pumps, motors, drives
- Green roofs / cool roofs
- Elevator modernization
- EV charging stations





### What Else is Eligible?

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

- Engineering studies
- Energy audits
- Renewable energy feasibility studies
- Equipment extended warranties (e.g. PV system inverter extended warranty)
- Roof upgrades (e.g. associated with rooftop solar PV systems)
- Building structural reinforcement (support rooftop installations)
- Environmental clean-up (e.g. asbestos removal for new boiler installation)
- Maintenance contracts (up to five years)
- Finance closing costs
- Program administration fee (2.5% of projects costs, capped at \$50,000)





### **C-PACE Program Structure**

#### C-PACE is designed as an "open source funding model"

- Prequalified private Capital Providers fund eligible projects
- No public funds are used to finance projects
- Owner may choose a preferred capital provider upfront, OR
- Program Administrator can review pre-approved projects with qualified capital providers to determine their funding interest
  - Capital providers submit financing term sheets for owner decision



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### **Qualified Capital Providers**

#### 29 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



### **C-PACE Program Structure**

#### C-PACE assessment requires written consent from mortgage holder

• C-PACE assessment lien has priority status akin to sewer assessment

#### 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





## **CO Consenting Mortgage Holders**

- 18 consenting mortgage holders in Colorado to date
- Access Point Financial
- Alpine Bank
- ANB Bank
- Bank of Colorado
- Bellco Credit Union
- Citywide Banks
- Colorado Business Bank
- Colorado Structures Inc
- First Bank

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- First National Bank 1 project Great Western Bank 1 project Independent Bank 1 project Midfirst Bank 1 project Midland States Bank 1 project Mutual of Omaha 2 projects Security Services FCU 1 project UMB Bank 1 project Wells Fargo 4 projects







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

- Building's baseline energy consumption based on 2015 IECC
- Energy savings credit is delta between code and proposed EE design
- C-PACE financing for 15% to 20% of total eligible new construction costs
- Enables building design to "push the envelope"
- Engage construction lender early in the process





### **CO C-PACE Program Update**

- 36 projects financed; ~\$34.4M in project financing
  - 24 in 2018, ~\$24.8M (452% increase over 2017)
- Smallest project: \$60K; Largest project: \$7.1M
- Five new construction projects financed
- 22 counties opted into the program (>70% commercial bldg stock)
- 172 registered contractors; 29 registered capital providers
- Prescreened projects: 802
- Projects in "active" development: ~50 representing >\$100M







### Solar PV & LED Case Study

- Building: Multi-tenant office & warehouse
- Project: 100 kW Solar PV & lighting retrofit
- Amount financed:
   \$330,928; SIR 1.63,
   20-year term
- Roof Replacement considered
- Excluded grower tenant from project

# Solar PV and LED Case Study

- System size reduced to 91 kW due to zoning issues
- Unused meter used to accommodate new system due to switchgear issues
- Additional bracers added to comply with City of Boulder wind requirements



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### **EE & Solar PV Case Study**

- Building: Office for digital marketing & social media firm
- Project: 16 kW Solar
   PV; RTU replacement;
   RTU controls; exterior
   lighting
- Amount financed: \$333,798; SIR < 1 15-year term
- Roof replacement
- EV charging stations

# EE and Solar PV Case Study

- Protective poles added around EV charging stations
- T-stats relocated
- System rebalanced by TAB contractor (overly warm/cold conference room)
- New diffusers installed to improve airflow





### Large EE Case Study

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





### New Construction Case Study

- Mayfly Outdoors corporate headquarters and manufacturing facility
- 41,000 SF ground-up new construction
- Efficient VAV RTUs, split system AC, advanced controls, LED
- \$1M in C-PACE financing, 20-year term
- Complied with IECC 2015 (ASHRAE 90.1-2013)

### New Construction Case Study

- Evaporator fans on RTUs resized (smaller) by MEP from original design
- Air compressor waste heat used to heat manufacturing floor

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