

Oregon Public Facilities Alliance (OPFA)

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Mission: The Oregon Public Facilities Alliance (OPFA), formerly known as the Oregon Department of Energy/Department of Administrative Services Interagency Energy Meeting (ODIEM), aims to create an environment of education and collaboration for the success of energy management in public buildings.

Background: Energy management in state-owned buildings is often handled by the individual facilities managers. This creates a fragmented approach to enterprise-wide energy management that makes effective cross-agency collaboration on energy management challenging.

The Alliance aims to fill this gap of statewide energy coordination by creating a venue for discussion and troubleshooting related to energy management. Providing an opportunity for agency energy managers and energy experts from DAS and ODOE to convene will lead to a more unified and standardized approach to energy management across the state.

Improved energy management and associated energy efficiency improvements provide many benefits to the state. Three of the major benefits are:

- Reduce energy consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions.
- Deliver cost savings to agencies through reduced energy bills.
- Provide a comfortable, safe, and healthy working environment for state employees.

Structure: The Alliance will meet quarterly and will be open to any agency staff whose job function relates to energy management, energy data entry, or sustainability. The goal of the group is to be as inclusive as possible and to engage a range of stakeholders at all levels of the organization.

The meetings will be held virtually through Microsoft Teams and will be administered by the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) and the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). Meeting topics will be shared well in advance of scheduled meetings. Meetings will consist of presentations from experts on a relevant topic, associated discussion of that topic, and flexible work time that enables agency staff to raise any issues they are encountering and bounce ideas off fellow group members. DAS or ODOE may also choose to hold ad hoc meetings with specific agencies to provide targeted assistance and address specific challenges an individual agency may be facing.