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Energy Efficiency Workforce Advisory Committee

Kick-off Meeting – May 6, 2025

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Kristine McCallister, CEP Workforce Development Coordinator

Sy Coffey, Clean Energy Fellow

Agenda

- Introductions
- GEO + CEP Overview
- Committee Overview
- Discussion and Questions



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Introductions

- Name
- Organization

Icebreaker Question:

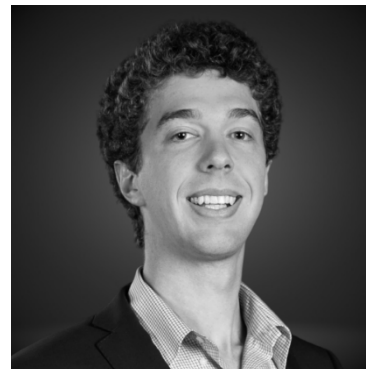
What was your first paid work experience?



Tagwongo Obomsawin serves as the Clean Energy Partnership Program Manager for the Governor's Energy Office. Prior to joining the office, she worked for several years in Maine's renewable energy industry and with small businesses focused on decarbonization, electrification, and local economic development.



Kristine McCallister serves as the Clean Energy Partnership Workforce Development Coordinator for the Maine Governor's Energy Office. Prior to joining the office, Kristine worked for the Maine Department of Labor to develop registered apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships with employers across Maine.



Sy Coffey is a Clean Energy Innovator Fellow through the U.S. Department of Energy and hosted by the Governor's Energy Office. During his fellowship, Sy will be working on projects related to community engagement, federal funding opportunities, and related clean energy initiatives.

Program and Committee Overview



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Maine Governor's Energy Office (GEO)

Established within the Executive Department and directly responsible to the Governor, GEO is the designated State Energy Office tasked with a wide range of activities relating to state energy policies, planning, and development.

GEO works to advance affordable, reliable, and clean energy for Maine people and businesses.



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Clean Energy Partnership

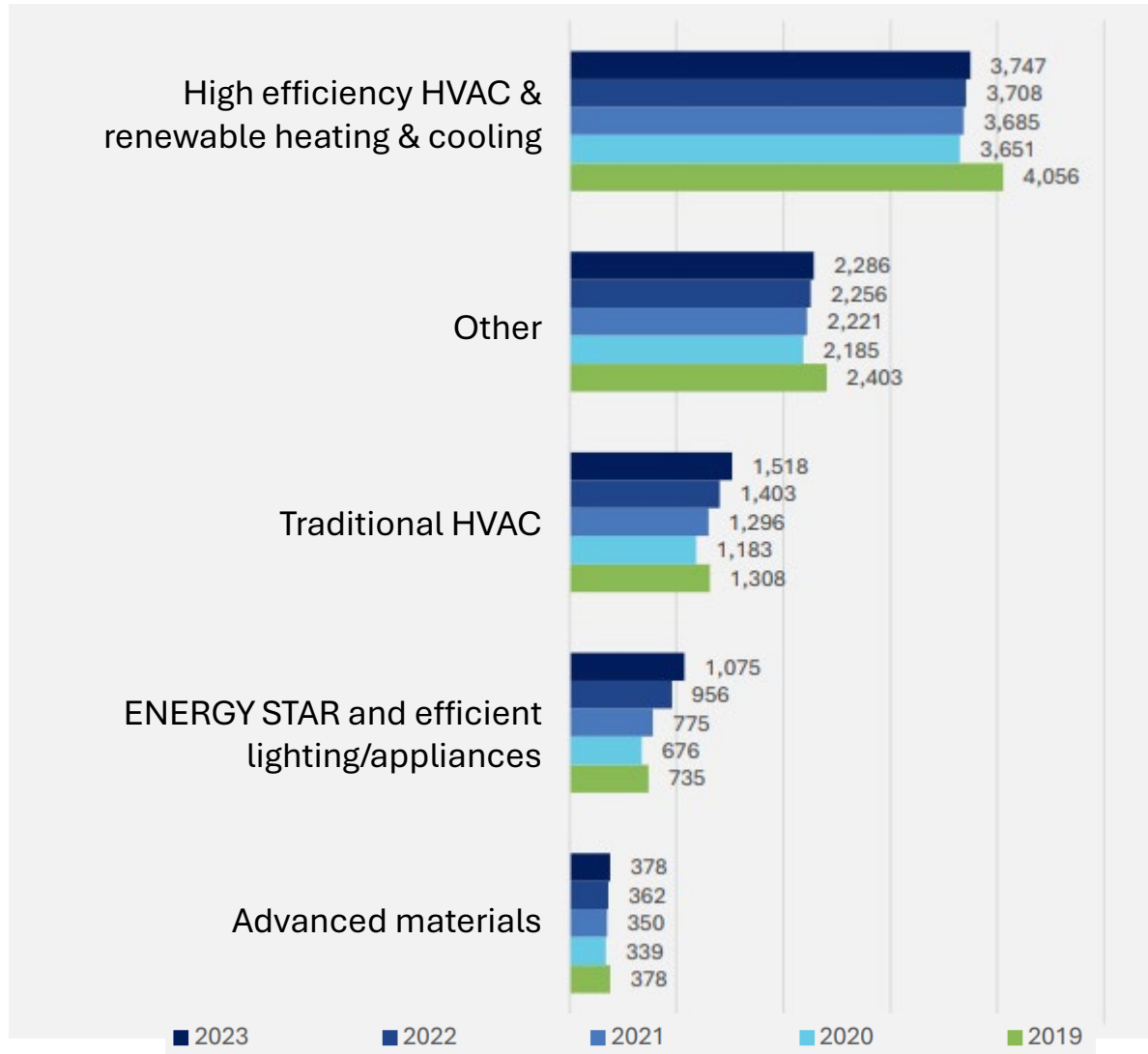
An initiative of the Maine Governor's Energy Office to grow the clean energy economy through **workforce development** and **innovation**.

Funded by \$6.5 million from the **Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan** to GEO, and \$4 million in other federal funds.



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Maine's Energy Efficiency Workforce



- Largest clean energy technology sector, representing 58% of Maine's clean energy workers.
- Reached 9,003 workers and 1,624 business establishments in 2023
- Includes broad group of technologies:
 - Traditional and high efficiency HVAC and renewable heating and cooling
 - ENERGY STAR and efficient lighting and appliances
 - Advanced building materials/insulation
 - Recycled building materials
 - Reduced water consumption products and appliances

Energy Efficiency Workforce Advisory Committee

- The Advisory Committee seeks to inform a statewide approach to energy efficiency workforce development.
- Serves as a consultative body to offer diverse perspectives, identify opportunities, and address challenges.
- Comprised of members of industry, labor, support organizations, training and educational institutions, and state government

Members

All Around Home Performance
Associated General Contractors of Maine
CCB Inc.
EcoHeat Maine
Efficiency Maine
Evergreen Home Performance
Horizon Homes
Laird's HVAC
Maine Community College System
Maine Department of Education
Maine Department of Labor
Maine Labor Climate Council
MaineHousing
North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters
Penquis Community Action Program
Royal River Heat Pumps
SolarLogix
UA Local 716 Maine Plumbers and Pipefitters
Waldo Community Action Program
York County Community Action



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Committee Charter

1. Provide feedback on identified project and program plans.
2. Contribute insights into energy efficiency workforce needs and development opportunities.
3. Assist in identifying emerging trends and risks.
4. Share experiences, barriers, and opportunities faced within the industry.
5. Support the development of future initiatives.



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Committee Logistics

- **Composition**
 - Members of industry, labor, support organizations, training and educational institutions, and state government
- **Meeting frequency**
 - 4 times per year (quarterly)
- **Meeting format**
 - Online and in-person
 - Occasional public input opportunities
 - GEO to share materials before and after
- **Upcoming activities**
 - 5 minute survey
 - 1:1 meetings during spring/summer
- **Ideas**
 - How can we make this most effective and impactful?





Discussion + Questions



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Thank You & Next Steps

- GEO to send meeting materials and charter
- Survey to follow
- Scheduling 1:1 meetings for spring/summer
- Next full committee meeting in the fall





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Thank You

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